

## SBC Favors Miami Hospital and Sixth Seminary Adds Carver School; Adopts Record Budget; Elects Stennis

### Odle Accepts Post Associate Sec'y

Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor First Church Gulfport, who was elected as associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board May 15, has sent his formal letter of acceptance to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary treasurer of the Board.

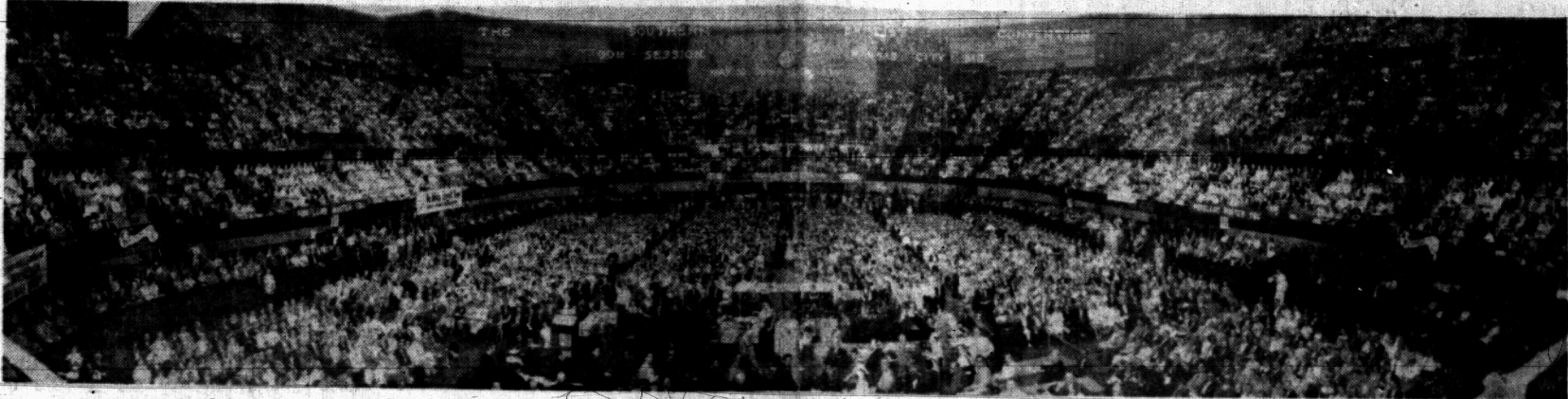
Dr. Odle will begin his new work in the near future and will become the first associate secretary of the Board in several years. His work will be primarily in the fields of promotion and evangelism.

He resigned his present pastorate Sunday evening, June 3. The full text of his letter follows:

"Mississippi Baptists have spoken through their Convention Board, and through them the Lord seems to have spoken too. I, therefore, accept their invitation as the call of the Lord and do hereby accept the position of Associate Executive Secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"This has been the most difficult decision of my life. For almost twenty-eight years I have served as pastor, and to give up that work is more difficult than words can express. Moreover, in coming to you I must leave the pastorate of a great church, where the people have been wonderful in following their pastor's leadership, and where the blessings of God have been almost beyond measure. To turn from this people and from this community which has come to mean so much to us brings heartache, yet when I entered the ministry I promised God that I would go anywhere He led me, and try to do any task He had for me. In the spirit of that purpose I turn to the new field of service.

"I look forward to the new work with joy, even though (Continued on Page 2)



### ANNE McWILLIAMS REPORTS — Mississippianna at Kansas City

#### Ex-State Man In Phenix City Move

PHENIX CITY, Ala. (RNS) — Reform elements won a close victory in a Russell County Commission election here, and no sooner had the final vote been counted than reform workers held a prayer service in the courthouse of office where the votes were counted.

The election was to decide whether three incumbent county commissioners would be replaced by representatives of the movement which has spurred the cleanup of this town, once known as the vice capital of the South.

Only one reform candidate, Mr. Taff, has held public office before. All had the endorsement of the Russell Betterment Association, anti-vice group here.

Once victory was assured, campaign workers led by the Rev. Boyd Armstrong, pastor of the North Phenix Baptist church, gathered to pray in the office of Sheriff Lamar Murphy, a member of the reform movement. Mr. Armstrong included the losers in his petition. He prayed that God "will remove from their hearts those things which are distasteful to Thee."

Under banners proclaiming that "Righteousness exalteth a nation" 12,242 registered messengers and hundreds of other visitors and guests met in 99th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, May 30-June 2.

Some Mississippians took only summer clothes and "got a little chilly" before the week was over. Wednesday was a hot day for those who took advantage of the "no afternoon session" and saw the baseball game in which the Detroit Tigers won over the Kansas City Athletics 5-1. The tornado warnings broadcast Wednesday night did not carry out their threat, but the temperature dropped considerably. A strong, continual breeze kept stoles and light jackets hugged tight.

Crowded restaurants and the red badges of the messengers were visible evidences that Southern Baptists had "moved in" for a week. In snatches of conversation here and there — on a street corner, over a cup of coffee, in a hotel lobby, could be heard "We're from down in Mississippi."

Southern courtesy asserted itself when a lady's hat, was lifted in the brisk wind and rolled pell-mell downhill in the middle of a busy street. Johnny Landrum, son of Dr. John Wade Landrum, pastor of First Church, Grenada, returned the hat all in one piece to the lady.

The Convention voted not to have afternoon sessions next year in Chicago. One couple, taking an afternoon to drive about the city, stopped at one of the large parks to visit the Zoo. On their return to the car they found a note on the windshield: "Go back to Mississippi. You are not at the Convention. Kilroy."

Mississippians were elected to a number of offices in the Convention. Rev. D. L. Stennis was elected Second Vice-President. (Continued on Page 2)

### QUOTES From The Southern Convention

Billy Graham

"The world is now in the midst of the greatest religious awakening in history.

"This can be the church's finest hour.

"If the church fails, the world could explode within this century and civilization could be wiped out.

"I agree with Dr. Warren that the race question should not be reopened at this convention.

"We took a courageous stand two years ago at St. Louis; however, we cannot bury our heads in the sand like the proverbial ostrich and pretend it does not exist.

"This convention should lead the way in the betterment of race relations. If we fail at this point, we may eventually find our spiritual power waning and our thrilling statistics only hollow echoes.

"A new type of worldiness is creeping into our churches. We are unwittingly being taken up by the spirit of the world.

"Television has brought the night club and barroom into the home. It is too early to tell what impact television is going to have on church life.

"The average American preacher's sermons today are too general and complicated for the man in the pew to understand.

"Our institutional life must recognize its responsibilities in evangelism. Every doctor and nurse in our hospitals should be evangelists. Every professor in the classrooms of Baptist schools should be evangelists strengthening the faith of some, while winning others to Christ."

Harry P. Staggs

"Civilizations hanging in the balance today, waiting for a man who can measure up to the needs of this hour.

"Life seems to be one serious crisis after another, and the measure of a man is determined by his ability to readjust, refocus, rearrange, re-evaluate and re-engage in the better conquest. (Continued on Page 2)

### New Convention Is Formed In West

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (RNS) — A new four-state Southern Baptist regional Convention was formed by representatives of 35 churches in Montana, Wyoming, and North and South Dakota at a meeting here.

Some 150 persons attending the gathering elected the Rev. Glen Brasswell of Billings, Mont., first president of the new organization. The Rev. W. A. Wiggins of Cheyenne, Wyo., was named vice-president; the Rev. Richard Judd of Glendive, Mont., secretary; and the Rev. William Simmons of Walford City, N. D., Sunday school superintendent.

### Kansas City Sidelights

By W. C. FIELDS

#### Mexican Baptists Plan To Double Their Number

Baptists of Mexico have adopted plans to double their number by 1964, the year they will celebrate their centennial and the year Baptists of the United States will celebrate their sesquicentennial. Baptists of Mexico now number 15,000.

The National Baptist Convention of Mexico met in Navojoa, in the state of Sonora, the last week in April. Coming from Cahuatan, Chiapas, on the border of Guatemala, to Mexicali on the border of the United States, some Mexican Baptists traveled 2,000 miles to get to Navojoa.

Roy L. Lyon, Southern Baptist missionary, reported:

"The Pacific Coast of Mexico, along with the peninsula of Lower California, comprises the most rapidly growing area of all Mexico. In the prosperous moving atmosphere of that region, God chose to bless his people with the warmest spiritual atmosphere that has prevailed in a national convention during the last nine years, according to some of Mexico's veteran missionaries.

"Business was transacted, plans were projected, and a spirit of optimism characterized the atmosphere of the whole convention. Many wonderful reports were made among which was that of the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, of Torreon, Coahuila, which celebrated its golden anniversary this year. Simultaneous revival results were outstanding during the past year; and Mexican Baptists are continuing to teach and preach God's Word to the 30,000,000 Mexicans who walk in darkness."

In all probability there are at least 15,000 slightly different appraisals of the Kansas City meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Most of the messengers and visitors will agree, I believe, that in general this ninety-ninth session was a good one.

Carved into the base of the towering Liberty Memorial overlooking the host city were found these words from the prophet Micah, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God!" Messengers from the forty-one states where Southern Baptists now have organized work and fraternal representatives from over the world heard some powerful presentations of these elemental and essential facets of our faith.

"The most interesting moments of this momentous week, to me, came during a press conference for five Russian Baptists who were present, the first delegation of churchmen from the USSR to the USA in many years. The most encouraging portions of the convention were the periods for open discussion, miscellaneous business and general potpourri. Baptists, it seems, are still doing their own (Continued on Page 2)

### Louisville Voted For '59 Meeting

Names Hobbs  
As Preacher

### Delays Change In Name of Sunday School Board

By Joe Abrams

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., last week, in sweeping action, voted in favor of accepting the proposed Miami hospital, adding a sixth seminary and taking over control of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, now owned by the Woman's Missionary Union.

The convention, meeting in historic 99th annual session also adopted a record \$11,000,000 Cooperative Program budget for 1957, reelected President C. C. Warren and elected a Mississippi rural pastor, Rev. Deb L. Stennis as second vice-president.

In still further action the body voted to meet in Louisville in 1959 and to delay for at least one year a proposed change in the name of the Sunday School Board to the Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention, by previous action, will meet in Chicago in 1957 and Houston in 1958. Portland, Ore., has already put in a bid for the 1960 meeting.

The Convention refused to make any pronouncement on the racial issue, apparently following the suggestion of President Warren in his keynote address that he felt such action at this time would be unwise.

The convention elected a popular self-styled country preacher, Rev. Deb Lee Stennis as second vice-president.

This was the first time in (Continued on Page 2)

### Agency Reports Highlight Convention

#### Caudill To Speak In Russia Soon

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (RNS) — Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of a Southern Baptist church here and member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, announced he will preach in five Russian cities this summer.

The various committees and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention in 99th annual session gave encouraging reports, that in each there are still needs to be met and goals to be reached.

**Woman's Missionary Union**  
Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary of the WMU, reported that WMU membership increased from 1,281,936 for 1953-54 to 1,345,153 for 1954-55.

Two of the main emphases of the WMU last year were providing Christian recreation for church young people and distribution of Bibles and religious literature.

Of its 20,617 societies, 15,717 observed a week of prayer for foreign missions; 15,496 a week of prayer for home missions, and 14,257 a week of prayer for state missions.

**Christian Life Commission**  
Attitudes toward world unrest, intoxicants, race relations, vocational choices, and the growing number of aged people in society were discussed in the report to the Southern Baptist Convention by Executive Secretary A. C. Miller of the Christian Life Commission, Nashville.

**Home Mission Board**  
The year 1955 was a year of "unprecedented growth and achievement" for the Home Mission Board, Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer, told messengers.

The year marked the beginning (Continued on Page 6)

### START PLANNING NOW Next Baptist World Congress Set for Rio

#### Fields Comes In With A Bang

By Joe Abrams

Dr. W. C. Fields came in as editor of the Baptist Record with a bang.

He became editor, he became a father of another fine girl and was nearly evicted from the press box in Kansas City all in one week.

Even Editor Fields says he could not take that every week.

He arrived home Saturday and learned that he had become the father of another baby girl, born Saturday at Kings Daughter's Hospital in Yazoo City. Name: Rebecca Borden. Mrs. Fields and baby doing fine.

Oh, yes, the press box incident.

It was on Wednesday night at the Convention. Things were crowded. Several non-press people had incidentally made their way into the press box, without badges. The sergeant-at-arms asked to see their badges. They immediately moved out.

Editor Fields had misplaced his. The sergeant-at-arms began to remonstrate with him.

Several friends nearby, however, immediately rushed to his rescue, vouching for his identity until a press badge could be secured.

### W. M. U. Elects Mrs. Mathis President Re-Elects Mrs. Tyler Recording Sec'y



Shown above are from left: Mrs. Tyler, Miss Hunt, Mrs. Mathis and Miss Neal. Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Convention. (Continued on Page 7)

### Mississippian Named Vice-President



SBC Convention Officers elected in Kansas City last week seated, from left, Conrad Willard, Kansas City, first vice-president; President C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N.C.; D. B. Stennis, Meridian, Miss., second vice-president; standing, from left, Secretary Joe W. Burton, Nashville; Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville, and Senior Secretary James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga.



## Odle Accepts - - -

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I regret leaving the old places of service. My thirteen years in Mississippi has brought a deep love for the state and especially for our Baptist work. As I accept the new work I see the 1700 churches and the hundreds of thousands of Baptists with the great opportunity God has placed before them, and obligation He has laid upon them. I see also the multitudes of lost and unenlightened people who need to be reached for Christ.

"I come with a rededication of myself to give all that I have to the service and glory of God in our state. I want the prayers of all our people that I may be enabled to do my very best.

"It will be a joy to work with you, Dr. Quarles, and with all others who serve our denomination. I pledge to you my wholehearted co-operation and support as you lead us on."

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## Start Planning - - -

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ton, May 22.

There are sufficient hotels and an auditorium that will seat 20,000 people. It will be the first time for the Congress to meet south of the equator.

The Executive meeting in Washington for its annual meeting had 62 members present from more than a dozen countries. Included were five representatives from Russia.

Two resolutions on religious freedom were adopted. A strong appeal was addressed to General Franco, chief of state in Spain, asking that the Evangelical Seminary and School in Madrid, recently closed by the Spanish government be permitted to resume its work. The resolution states, "The present situation caused great distress of mind to all friends of Spain, including Roman Catholics, and we are sure that if the Spanish government would permit the seminary and school to be opened it would give great pleasure to all liberty loving people."

An equally strong appeal was sent to the Colombian government, "With a deep concern for the freedom of people of all religions and races we appeal to the Colombian government to do all in its power to secure order and liberty for all."

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dent of the Convention; Dr. W. C. Fields was named to the Committee on State Baptist Papers; Miss Almarie Brown, State W.M.U. President, was elected as a Vice-President of the W.M.U.; Dr. Chester Swor was named to a Youth Committee on Christian Vocations; Dr. John Barnes was elected Chairman of the Committee on Boards; Dr. John Landrum was placed on the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher.

Rev. Joe Abrams was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Baptist Public Relations Association; Dr. G. Norman Price was made a member of the Committee on Committees; Dr. Chester L. Quarles was named as Chairman of Tellers; Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, was re-elected W.M.U. Recording Secretary.

Brooks Wester Brookhaven, was re-elected President of the Southwestern Seminary Alumni.

Dr. Lee Gallman was the only Mississippian making a regular report to the Convention. He introduced his associates, W. A. Whitten and Ray K. Hodge.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, a member of the Executive Com-

mittee, presented the recommendation that a full \$11,000,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for current operating expenses and capital needs in 1957. The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Boards elected the following Mississippians to serve the Convention in various offices: Purser Hewitt, Executive Committee; Irving M. Prince, Home Mission Board; Carey Cox, Relief and Annuity Board; Howard E. Spell and James Southerland, Trustees, Southern Seminary; Lawrence T. Lowrey, Trustee, Southeastern Seminary; Cecil F. Travis, (Radio and Television), Southern Baptist Foundation; George Thornton, Education Commission; W. L. Stagg, Jr., Christian Life Commission; Cecil F. Travis, Radio and Television Commission; Dr. S. B. Platt, Brotherhood Commission.

Dr. Carl Bates, a native Mississippian, was selected as the alternate preacher for next year's Convention sermon.

At the Wednesday morning session Dr. Porter Routh announced that Dr. W. C. Fields has been chosen as editor of the Baptist Record, succeeding Dr. A. L. Goodrich who died on March 14.

Leon M. Latimer led a memorial service on Friday afternoon, in which S. H. Jones of South Carolina read a tribute to Dr. A. L. Goodrich. Dr. Latimer led in prayer, and Frank Boggs sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." (E. D. Solomon, who has not missed a Southern Baptist Convention for 57 years, was to have led the service, but a telegram was received from the Southern Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, saying that Mr. Solomon was confined at the hospital and would like to be excused this one time.)

Dr. D. M. Neilson supplied at Calvary Church, Kansas City, on Sunday, June 3.

The Committee on Resolutions recommended that "the Convention authorize its President to file with the proper authorities of the United States Government a petition to prohibit the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages on airplanes in flight within the territory of the United States." This particular resolution is mentioned in this column about Mississippians because it re-echoes the ideas presented in editorials and in the column, "Man of Distinction," in the Baptist Record. The late editor, A. L. Goodrich, took a courageous stand against the evils of liquor.

The Committee on State Baptist papers emphasized the value of the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This originated in Mississippi under the guidance of Dr. Goodrich.

(Dr. Louie Newton told of the time when he was a very young man that he went to a Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. His mother packed his food in a shoebox and he found a free place to stay at night when the landlady learned that he was a Baptist. He went to the Convention, he said, because his mother wanted him to go.

He was fixed in his place on the front pew at 8 o'clock in the morning when the janitor asked him why he had come so early, he said, "To hear Dr. Truett."

"The janitor replied, 'You know where you are going.' Newton said he knew where he was going because his mother had marked around the pictures of Mullins and Scarborough and Truett in his state Baptist paper back in Georgia. He knew that those men would be worth hearing. He had seen them and

read about them in the state Baptist paper.)

During the Foreign Missions Night program the new mission appointees were presented; several of these were Mississippians.

On Friday night, Youth Night, Dick Baker led the congregational singing. Thousands of people in the huge auditorium joined to sing "Saved, Saved," "He Lives," "Amazing Grace." A trio sang "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know." Miss Klaudia Tyrtova of Russia gave a short testimony. Jesus bridges gaps between languages and nations and races and cultures.

Howard Butt, called "God's Groceryman," spoke, showing that most of our superstitions and adages are foolish. Oft-quoted clichés are outworn. We say "You're only young once." But in Christ we are young eternally. We say "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." How we need to "dare to be different" and stand up for our convictions, not following the wrong crowd.

They say, "You can't change human nature." But human nature can be and must be changed through the new birth in Christ Jesus.

The thousands of Southern Baptists gathered together in 99th annual session — Mississippians, Alabamians, Georgians, Missourians all the others — one in purpose — stood and said together the Lord's Prayer.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

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## Quotes - - -

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"A man may be measured in his attitude towards evil.

"Man's conduct is not determined by the type or amount of this information or his intellectual ability, but by his affection, by his spiritual affinities.

"To live the way Jesus lived is the only thing that can change this world.

"The measure of God has no limits. He made the world and all things therein, he holds the destiny of man and of the universe in His hand."

Theodore F. Adams

"We are faced today with a war of beliefs on a world front. Baptists around the world believe the competence of the individual soul under God and that we need no priest or intermediary, save only Jesus Christ.

"We have the answer a lost world needs, for ours is a living Lord and Saviour."

Duke K. McCall

"Alcoholic beverage — has much in common with Judas Iscariot. Judas Iscariot was a traitor.

"Like Judas Iscariot the motive beverage alcohol is greed for gold. This is the controlling interest regardless of pious phrases and pretty professions.

"Like Judas Iscariot, liquor steals from those whose need is greatest for the benefit of those who need it least.

"Yes, alcohol robs you, but remember it charges you for the privilege of robbing you.

"Like Judas of old, alcohol betrays its best friends by destroying their health."

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## Sidelights - - -

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thinking and Baptist cooperation is still free of the threat of regimentation.

As ever, the most delightful feature of the annual meeting was the great unlisted event of howdy-doing everybody. The most thrilling part of the program was the singing of that throng, banked up row upon row thousands strong. The most heart-warming action of the session was in the election of Deb Stennis, RFD, Meridian, Mississippi, as Second Vice President of the convention a sign of affection and appreciation of Baptist people for the thousands of rural pastors who serve valiantly in the cause of Christ.

The most inspiring hour of the meeting to many present, including this writer, was the time of recognition for the newly appointed foreign missionaries. Their fortitude in the faith, their bravery and courage was apparent to all who were present except the missionaries themselves.

Upon reflection, the entire convention was full of things that are best characterized as "the most."

The view of a convention from the press section is a most enlightening experience, particularly to the newest of new Baptist editors. One becomes a little more conscious of the enormous amount of work which goes on behind the scenes preparing for such a convention.

Kansas City is a good convention city and the crowds that visited there for a week found a warm welcome in the heartland of America. The visitors returned the favor, however. One official estimated that a convention of such size brings around \$1,500,000 to the host city.

A Mississippi group on their way to the convention landed in Memphis to find a swarm of photographers and newsmen crowding out to their plane. The excitement turned out to be centered in actor Victor Mature who was aboard, rather than any Baptist travelers.

The home of ex-President Harry S. Truman in nearby Independence, Missouri drew about as many spectators as the ballgame on the free afternoon thoughtfully provided by the program committee for such junkets. Mr. Truman, a Baptist is serving as Honorary Campaign Chairman for the new Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City.

Billy Graham, attending the convention for the first time in three years and just back from an evangelistic tour around the world, told the largest crowd to gather during the week, "I am convinced of two things first, that Christ is the answer for the human heart. Second, that there is hope for world peace."

The spotlight of attention throughout the week was focused upon the five Baptists visiting the convention from Russia. The group was headed by the bearded and venerable Dr. Yakov Zhidkov, pastor of the Baptist Church of Moscow, President of the Evangelical Union of Christian Baptists in Russia, and a Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance. Another member of the group, Alexander Karov of Moscow, General Secretary of the Evangelical Union of Christian Baptists, looked like the pictures of William Jennings Bryan, even to the high-cut, tight fitting coat and bald head. Ilva Ivanov, the courteous and affable treasurer of the Russian Baptist union, smiled frequently showing an almost complete set of silver teeth.

The aging Dr. Zhidkov with his thinning, reddish hair looked for all the world like the Apostle Paul as described by early Christian tradition. When he and the others were first presented to the entire convention the messengers arose spontaneously in a gesture of friendship and appreciation. Those of us close enough to the platform could see the tears that flowed freely down the cheeks of Dr. Zhidkov.

In a press conference at the Hotel Maehlebach a large group of newspaper reporters spent an hour questioning the Russians through their interpreter, Mr. Adophy Klawoiks of the Baptist World Alliance staff in Washington, D. C. It was revealed that Russian Baptists accept candidates for baptism only after they are eighteen years of age. Baptized members in the USSR now number 500,000 with a total constituency of 3,000,000, according to Dr. Zhidkov. He stated in the interview that

there are Baptist churches in almost every city in Russia and many churches in the rural areas, particularly in the Ukraine.

Members of the Russian group indicated that all of their activities are under the control of a governmental agency and all of the church buildings, like other property in Russia, belong to the government. Between ten and twelve thousand persons are baptized each year, according to the group. Miss Klaudia Tyrtova, the only woman in the group, in answer to a reporters question stated that there are about 100,000 young people, "up to 30 years of age," among Russian Baptists.

Actions taken during the week by the Convention and reported in other sections of the Baptist Record will have far-reaching consequences in Southern Baptist life. Significant changes were made in the status of several institutions operated by the convention and actions were taken emphasizing principles in Baptist policy and polity. On the whole these seem to be wise and good and once more vindicate the democratic procedures so dear to the hearts of Baptist people everywhere.

The sermons, speeches, and addresses first and last were of a high order and reflect, one would hope, the growing concern of Baptists about reaching the world for Christ. There were many conscious and unconscious echoes of the cry of Jeremiah, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

In yard-high letters stretching across the big stage of the convention hall the messengers were daily reminded of the theme of the meeting in this 111th year of the convention's life, "Righteousness exalteth a nation."

Sidelights on the convention, indicated here merely pointed up the highlights of the week related elsewhere in this issue of the paper. There are in fact, as we indicated in the beginning, at least 15,000 separate sets of sidelights on the convention, but in them there is a pattern and the pattern looks good.

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## SBC Favors - - -

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years that a rural pastor was chosen as a convention officer and the first time in years likewise that a Mississippian was selected.

The Rev. Mr. Stennis is pastor of two full-time rural churches in Lauderdale Association and two part-time churches in Kemper Association.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has studied three years at New Orleans Seminary.

All four churches, Union and New Hope in Lauderdale and West Kemper and Blackwater in Kemper, have new buildings erected under his leadership.

He was nominated by Dr. David Q. Byrd, of Tennessee, formerly from Mississippi and Lauderdale County.

He defeated Dr. Roy O. McClaim, of Georgia, popular Baptist Hour speaker and pastor of Atlanta's First Church.

Hobbs To Preach

Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor First Church, Oklahoma City, will preach the sermon at Chicago next year with Dr. Carl E. Bates, pastor First Church, Amarillo, Texas as alternate.

The convention voted not to allocate a percentage of its budget to any agency or institution for which the convention does not elect trustees or directors and voted not to undertake any new joint ownership or support of any theological institution with any other Baptist body.

The convention voted, upon further recommendation of its executive committee, that all Cooperative Program receipts above \$11,000,000 go for advance, 75 per cent to the Foreign Board and 25 per cent to the Home Board.

In significant action the body voted to adopt the proposed period of 1959 to 1964 as "Baptist Jubilee Advance." The adoption calls for the joint participation of Southern Baptists with other Baptist bodies in a gigantic world evangelistic Crusade.

Other Baptist bodies already committed include the American Baptist Convention, the North American Baptist General Conference, the Baptist General Conference of America, the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. (Negro) and the National Baptist Convention of America (Negro).

tist Convention of America (Negro).

Study Committee

The convention authorized the appointment of a committee to study the needs and supply of young people who wish to enter the fields of missions, religious education, and church music. This action came as a result of a recommendation of the trustees of Southern Seminary relayed through the Executive Committee of the Convention.

The convention also authorized the appointment of a committee to study the functions of the agencies and boards of the convention, and their relationship with the state conventions, and with other agencies and boards of the convention, with a view of finding the most effective way of promoting the Kingdom through the convention.

The independence of the local church was reaffirmed by the convention in the form of a resolution presented after alteration by the resolutions committee but the body refused to repudiate a 1934 North Carolina Supreme Court decision that gave control of church property to a minority faction of the congregation.

The convention continued its Baptist film committee. The committee reported that plans are underway for a film on religious liberty.

Attendance Good

Attendance was good generally at convention sessions. The massive oval-shaped auditorium was filled to overflowing at several sessions. Part of the Wednesday night program was televised.

In further clarification of the principal action mentioned above the convention voted

## ARAB STUDENT PUBLISHES BOOK



Sam S. Matalka

Sam S. Matalka, student at Mississippi College, has written a book, MY FIRST YEAR IN AMERICA, to be released June 7.

It is an interesting story of an Arab young man (Sam Matalka) who has been in America for one year. He says that he came "looking for the three G's: GOD, GLORY, AND GOLD." Has he found them in America? Read his book and see!

It may be purchased at the Baptist Book Store or from Sam S. Matalka, Box 441, Clinton, Mississippi. The price is \$1.

an initial nod to the Miami hospital proposal. A second vote at next year's convention would make it official.

The proposal is that the convention would take over the \$3,000,000 hospital and operate it under its hospital committee. (Continued on Page 7)

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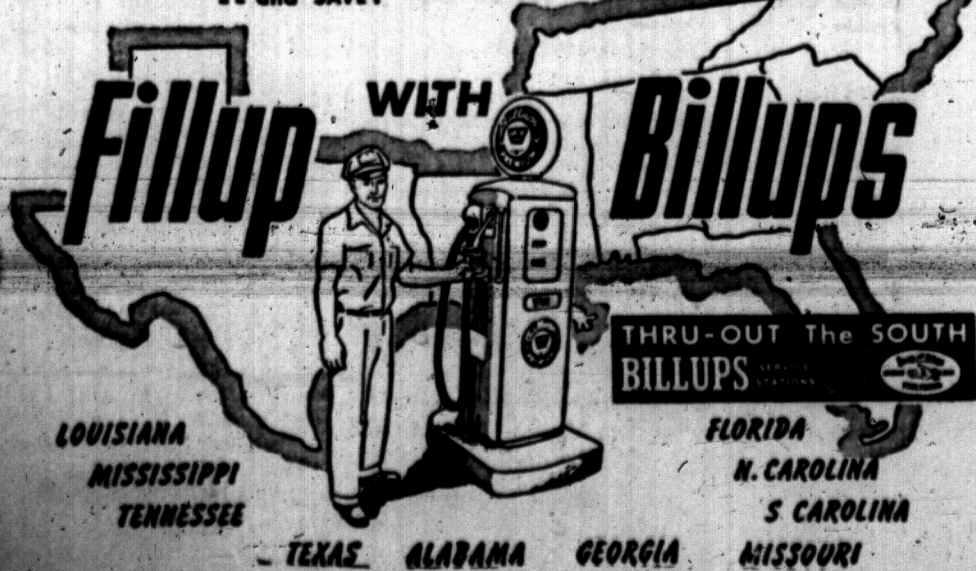
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### Anyone Here Know Of John Caylor?

BLUE RIDGE Ga. (BP)—Three John Caylor, plus an in-law, led in the revival services at the First Baptist Church here.

John Caylor, editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, was the evangelist where his son, John Caylor, Jr., is the pastor. John Caylor, III, sang with the junior choir.

And, leading the music was Jack Jones, of Atlanta, brother-in-law of the pastor.

### Carson Ordained



Rev. Calvin Carson

Mission Church, Winona, Route No. 1, will ordain Rev. Calvin Carson to the full gospel ministry on June 10 at 2:30 p.m. He is a junior at Mississippi College and at present pastoring a half-time Church in Carroll County.

Rev. Joe Mansfield will read the scripture. Rev. Joe Cooper of Vaiden will give the charge to the candidate. Rev. C. B. Hamlet will deliver the charge to the Church. Rev. J. M. Metts will deliver ordination sermon. Mrs. May Bamberg will present the Bible. The pastor, Rev. Harold J. Bennett will lead in prayer with the benediction being brought by Brother Carson.

### MRS. W. R. COOPER

On Sunday, May 13, 1956 Mrs. W. R. Cooper died. She was a member of Highland Church, Jackson. A devoted Christian, she had served long and well. Her influence will live throughout eternity.

Mrs. Cooper was a native of Louisiana, and a former resident of Magnolia. She had lived in Jackson for the past nine years. She was the wife of Dr. W. R. Cooper, retired Baptist minister and interim pastor of Highland Church in 1955.

Surviving members of her family are: her husband; five children, George Van, of San Fernando, Calif.; Mrs. Marie Darville and Mrs. Edith Rodriguez, both of McComb, Miss.; Helen Robinson, of Long Island, N. Y.; and Mrs. Lillian Carlisle, of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Mrs. J. H. Wall, Mrs. Edith Broussard, and Mrs. Dirksen, all of Magnolia, and Mrs. Arthur St. Pierre, of Norco, La., and one brother James Parker, of New York City. Twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held May 15 from the Highland Church, conducted by Rev. Guy C. Futral, pastor, assisted by Dr. Chester Quarles, Dr. Norman Price, Rev. Robert Girling and Dr. R. B. Gunter. Interment services were held at the Magnolia cemetery conducted by Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of the First Church, McComb.

Active pallbearers were: Bobby Anthony, Floyd Williams, Travis Hitt, Malone Myers, E. E. Kinnebrew, and Jimmy Carnell.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of Highland Church and Parkway Church.

52 VARIETIES OF PROGRAMS FOR ALL OCCASIONS (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan) by T. C. Gardner, in paperback edition sells for 35 cents. Says the author in the preface, "The success of any church organization depends largely upon the presentation of inspiring, informing and spiritual programs... The program material should be Christ centered, Bible connected and evangelistically undergirded." In the 32-page booklet he gives suggestions for devotional programs, seasonal programs, Bible study programs, missionary programs, and miscellaneous programs.

### Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson  
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON  
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

#### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Comparison of 1955 and 1954 Offerings

Period May 1st Thru April 30th

States	1955 Offering	1954 Offering	Increase (Decrease)
Ala.	\$ 219,474.30	\$ 170,935.48	\$ 48,538.82
Ariz.	17,792.74	20,155.58	(2,362.84)
Ark.	86,389.01	115,731.87	(29,342.86)
Calif.	40,168.50	31,380.22	8,788.28
D. C.	6,397.00	6,387.04	29.96
Fla.	156,828.71	137,708.51	19,120.20
Ga.	244,234.38	196,548.93	47,685.45
Ill.	44,735.11	35,553.13	9,181.98
Kan.	7,353.80	5,237.31	2,116.49
Ky.	152,590.66	127,008.24	25,582.42
La.	212,282.85	177,967.38	34,315.47
Md.	18,187.47	15,107.38	3,080.09
Miss.	212,924.78	170,740.07	42,184.71
Mo.	176,120.12	137,844.72	38,275.40
N. M.	35,457.31	29,586.34	5,870.97
N. C.	426,613.40	343,637.44	82,975.96
Ohio	2,102.56	1,826.31	276.25
Okl.	200,839.83	166,389.55	34,450.28
Ore.-Wash.	9,013.70	6,395.39	2,618.31
S. C.	307,874.13	210,216.28	97,657.85
Tenn.	219,933.68	174,423.53	45,510.15
Tex.	1,588,286.48	1,435,829.55	152,456.93
Va.	222,453.62	226,903.35	(4,449.73)
Alaska	2,460.85	305.10	2,155.75
Misc.	18,176.04	14,022.30	4,153.74
Totals	\$4,628,691.03	\$3,957,821.00	\$670,870.03

#### WHITE CROSS

Detailed plans will be sent to each organization within the next few weeks concerning plans for the White Cross supplies to be gathered this summer.

The WMU Convention voted to gather White Cross supplies for the Near East, preferably Gaza. Investigations were being made concerning the shipping of supplies etc. and the decision as to place was contingent upon the findings. Everything has been approved and the supplies are to be gathered for Gaza.

Dr. J. T. McRae, our Mississippi doctor and his wife work in that hospital. They are at home on furlough at this time. Dr. McRae is doing some graduate work in the Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, N. C. Dr. James M. Young and his wife are in charge of the hospital at this time. Just recently they have been joined by Dr. and Mrs. John Roper. There are two splendid young nurses that serve in the hospital: Misses

Carolyn Cate and Ann Dwyer.

Dr. Young wrote on May 4th:

"Last year we had over 2,400 admissions and saw more than 9,000 different outpatients. This does not include revisits. In our operating room and outpatient department we did more than 3,000 major and minor surgical operations... Our hospital is back to normal operating conditions. We suffered no damage or casualties among our staff during the recent incident."

In the same letter Dr. Young sent us a list of their immediate and pressing needs. We are sending suggestions for each district—this to be sent by individual Societies and youth organizations.

He said "If there is a 'rich uncle' around, I wish he would give us an anesthesia machine, however it is quite expensive." I am sure he would be happy for a "rich aunt" to do this (if interested, write the WMU Office for more information).

### Baptist Student Union

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary  
Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson



Dewey Smith

Two Deweys, Dewey Smith, left, and Dewey Lane, both students at Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College, have volunteered as preacher and song leader, respectively, for Youth-led Revivals in Mississippi this summer. Both have been very effective in this work already and both are highly recommended by Rev. and Mrs. George Nichols, Pastor of the Wesson Church and Co-Lin BSU Director, respectively.

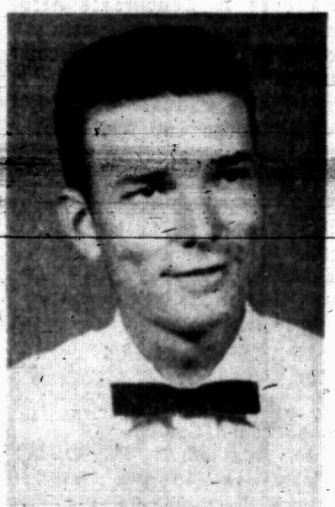
Calvary Church, Columbia, and First Church, Lambert, have scheduled Youth-led Revivals since last report.

#### 60 FOR RIDGECREST

Counting staffers, more than 160 Mississippians are to attend Student Week at Ridgcrest June 7-13. Colleges with students registering include Belhaven, Blue Mountain, Co-Lin, East Central, Hinds, Itawamba, Jones, Miss. College, Miss. Southern, Miss. State, MSCW and Pearl River, leaving 14 of our 26 BSUs not registering any body and eleven of our 18 BSU Directors not attending.

#### SSM TOTALS \$2016.96

At this writing, a total of \$2016.96 is in on our goal of \$3000 for Student Summer Missions. Contributions are: carried forward from '55 — \$183.35; Friends — \$175; Ole Miss — \$163.72; Left over from gift to



Dewey Lane

Chas. W. Horner — 96 cents; William Carey — \$200; Miss. College — \$325; offering, 1955 Convention — \$470.46; offering, 1956 Retreat for Officers — \$96.43; Hinds Jr. — \$19.25; Belhaven — \$9; Blue Mountain — \$68.67; Millsaps — \$4.07; Co-Lin Jr. — \$75; Itawamba Jr. — \$75; Southwest Jr. — \$5; Jones Jr. — \$20; North-east Jr. — \$3.45; E. Central Jr. — \$20.60; leaving 13 BSUs which have not yet contributed.

Miscellaneous  
Miss Kathryn Jasper, BSU Director for MSCW, along with about ten other Mississippians, is on the Glorieta staff this summer. About 40 from Miss. are on the staff at Ridgcrest.

Rev. W. F. (Pete) Evans, of Jackson, was E. Miss. Jr.'s REW speaker. One from E.M.J.C. answered the call to foreign mission service recently.

Gerald Scoper, of Pass Christian, is Perkinson Jr.'s new Pres.

Joe Cobb, of Itawamba Jr., was Youth Week pastor at Fulton recently.

Loza Upshaw is Wm. Carey's Summer President Carey's making 1st Magnitude again. Don Stewart was voted Baptist Student of the Year.

The Book of Proceedings of the State Evangelistic Conference last Jan. at Tupelo is a job well done by Mr. Pat Gullede

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

June 3, 1956

Jackson, Alta Woods	553	248
Jackson, Northside	660	225
Jackson, Crestwood	675	377
Ridgeland (Rankin)	251	95
Jackson, Calvary	1481	459
Main	1425	423
Mission	56	36
Pearl (Rankin)	184	90
Jackson, West	362	142
Jackson, Broadmoor	517	205
Jackson, Parkway	1050	471
Jackson, Van Winkle	539	334
East Side (Rankin)	92	53
Pocahontas	32	
Flowood	82	78
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	205	137
Edwards	65	27
Laurel, Wildwood	220	85
Laurel, First	620	157
Jackson, Southside	317	162
Hattiesburg, Main St.	897	430
Calvary (Alcorn)	103	76
Furrs (Pontotoc)	116	51
Center Hill (Desoto)	48	
Macedonia (Lincoln)	232	98
Laurel, Highland	206	99
Lucedale	360	123
Cleveland, Immanuel	193	123
Starkville, First	582	234
Batesville, First	490	209
Main	463	
Mission	27	
Wade (Jackson)	98	43
Concord (Choctaw)	76	71
Durant, First	260	95
Shiloh (Alcorn)	91	50
Longview (Oktibbeha)	97	88
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	79	54
Long Beach, First	267	70
Cleveland, First	439	121
Main	384	
Chinese Mission	55	
Briar Hill (Rankin)	82	45
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	501	170
Canton, Center Terrace	222	113
Clarksdale	454	115
Hernando	198	81
Gulfport, First	790	249
Booneville, First	309	98
Crystal Springs, First	590	209
Columbia, First	638	223
Main	602	194
South Columbia	36	29
Calhoun City, First	313	147
Hattiesburg, First	549	185
Union, First	333	128
Corinth, East	234	78
Murphy Creek (Winston)	131	
Brookhaven, First	803	260
Main	684	181
Southway	88	48
Halbert Heights	31	31
Ruth	67	56
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	153	71
Moak's Creek (Lincoln)	127	80

of Grenada.

Betty Jane Frew, Youth Director for Calvary Church, Jackson, brought the challenge to the new Executive Council of Baptist Hospital during the recent installation service there.

MSCW had a 72 average in Sunday School last month; 43 at their Spring Retreat.

Thirteen attended Ole Miss' Spring Retreat.

Ninety unsaved are reported from Perkinson Jr.; 40 from Holmes Jr.; 8 from Wm. Carey.

High School seniors, college pastors — it's not too late to register for Student Week at Ridgcrest June 7-13. Send fee (\$2.50) to us immediately.

Plans for the First Mississippi BSU Assembly at Kittiwake Baptist Assembly on the Gulf Coast Aug. 23-27 look mighty good. Don't miss it. Plan now to attend.

Graduating seniors, may we urge you to move your church membership to the town of your residence as soon as possible.

Teaching methods to 25 or so Hinds Jr. BSUs out at Roosevelt Lake, near Morton, recently was a pleasant and profitable experience for us.

How to Have a Vacation Bible School, filmstrip; slides of last year's Student Week at R'crest, still available free from our office.

—BR—

For the first time, "BEN HUR." Lew Wallace's world-famous classic about the early years of Christianity, is available in an inexpensive edition (Bantam Books—35c). This is the definitive modern abridgment, and it offers a rich reading experience to all readers, but especially to younger readers who may not have had the chance to own an inexpensive copy of the masterpiece for themselves. BEN HUR brings to life again the cruelty and splendor of ancient Rome, when paganism tried valiantly to stem the rising tide of the new, virile Christian faith. The daring adventures of Ben Hur, the hero, lead to his meeting with Christ, and the sublime spectacle of the Crucifixion itself becomes the climax of this extraordinary novel. Order from Bantam Books, Inc., 25 West 45th St., New York 36, New York.

### To Lead Gulfport Youth Revival



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE STUDENTS will conduct a youth-led revival at the First Church, Gulfport, June 11-12, in connection with a young people's retreat to be held at Camp Shelby June 10. Members of the team are, standing, left to right: Frank Gunn, Indianola, preacher; Tanner Riley, Saltito, song leader; Leroy Atchley, Memphis, preacher. Seated, Shirley Ruth Meek, Jackson, organist; and right, Phyllis Ann Cummins, Steelville, Mo., pianist. (Mississippi College Photo.)

### Bill Erasing Social Security Errors Set

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)

A bill to permit employees of religious and other tax-exempt organizations to obtain Social Security if they have not been included because of clerical errors was introduced in the House by Rep. William H. Avery (R-Kan.).

The Kansas congressman said the problem was called to his attention when several lay employees of St. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic church, Seneca, Kan., discovered they were not covered because the proper waiver form had not been filed.

Inquiry disclosed that other churches in Kansas had failed to file the form in the mistaken belief that their employees were automatically covered under the new law. Rep. Avery said. Cases also have arisen where a certificate has been ruled to lack the requisite number of individual signatures, he added.

To cover all such cases he proposes that if an error was made "in good faith" employees can obtain full coverage for the period during which it was undetected.

### Calvary Evangelist



Rev. A. Estus Mason,

"The evangelist for the revival effort at the Calvary Church, Greenville, June 17-27, will be Rev. A. Estus Mason, a home-town boy, who now is pastor of First Church, Crystal Springs.

Rev. Louis Smith will direct the Song services. Dr. E. D. Elliott is pastor. Cottage prayer meetings and special visitation is now in progress.



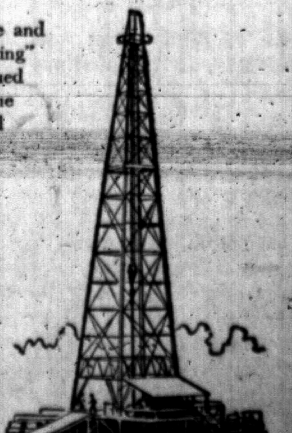
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A "team player," Mississippi's oil and gas industry is carrying its fair share of the tax load at both county and state levels. Today's "standings" show only the two mighty oldsters — agriculture and timber — ahead of oil and gas. The rookie has made the "first string" now... and has a great potential for further growth. With a continued fair shake from fans and umpires, the oil and gas industry will continue to increase the economic "batting power" of Mississippi's industrial team.

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## EDITORIALS

### Editor Takes Over Next Week

The acting editor and now associate editor relinquishes this column after this week to Editor W. C. Fields. His first editorials will appear next week. Watch for them.

### Convention One Of The Greatest

The 99th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, held last week in Kansas City, Mo., will go down as one of the most comprehensive, constructive and unifying in all of our history.

Southern Baptists, in convention assembled at Kansas City, displayed many characteristics of greatness.

There are definite reasons for making the above sweeping statement.

The Convention showed its progressiveness by voting to acquire the proposed Miami hospital, by balloting to add a sixth seminary when the time is right and by voting to take over the Carver School of Missions when details can be completed.

The Convention displayed its faith by adopting the largest Cooperative Program budget in history for 1957, \$11,000,000, or \$1,000,000 more than for this year.

The Convention showed its seriousness of purpose by magnifying missions on every hand. A 1957 calendar of activities featuring World Missions was adopted. The \$1,000,000 increase in the Cooperative Program budget was labeled for missions. The two major mission nights of the convention were highlights.

The Convention pointed to its desire for unity by avoiding discussion of known divisive subjects. Although Southern Baptists live in different areas and have various interests they proved at Kansas City that they want to be together in the common cause of advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

The Convention displayed again its spirit of cooperation. Not every proposal presented was adopted. Not every motion made was voted. Debate was in order. The pros and cons were heard. But after orderly debate the vote was taken. The majority prevailed. Then the Convention accepted the decision. Cooperation was the order of the day.

The Convention reiterated again its awareness of its own size and its continuing expansion. Recently cooperating state conventions have been organized in Colorado and Ohio. State Conventions now loan for Indiana and possibly another Great Lakes state.

The Convention will meet in Chicago next year, Houston in 1958 and Louisville in 1959. Portland, Oregon is already bidding for the 1960 convention.

The Convention never took its eyes off of the subject of evangelism. The report of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Board Wednesday night was most encouraging.

Perhaps one of the most significant actions of the Convention was the adoption of the proposal to set the period of 1959-64 as Baptist World Jubilee Advance and to cooperate with other Baptist bodies in a gigantic world crusade.

Christian education was a timely subject throughout the proceedings. The favorable and enthusiastic vote for a sixth seminary to add to the five we already have was the most significant action in that direction and was indicative of the body's feeling.

In other reports the subject of Christian education gained substantial emphasis and support.

The Convention this year seemed more aware than even before of its world mission. The presence of the Russian delegation of five added an international flavor.

Dr. Roy McClain, speaking on the Radio-Television report, hit a high note when we said "That which we do not share, we cannot keep."

A keen sense of urgency of the task prevailed throughout at Kansas City. The note was struck hard and often.

We believe Southern Baptists will evince that spirit of urgency much more now as a result of the Convention.

The name of Billy Graham continues to be a magic word. His address on the Home Mission program Wednesday night electrified the huge audience. It was the one program televised during the convention.

The exhibits this year were good. Attendance upon Convention session was fine.

Mayor Bartle made a hit with his address. Conscious of the controversy surrounding his appearance, many messengers hardly knew what to expect.

Southern Baptists showed again they have a sense of humor. One speaker made a hit when he said, as we remember, that some preachers are like a four-ounce man with an eight-ounce schedule.

During a high moment on foreign mission night, a photographer's flash-bulb exploded with a bang. The audience just took out a minute to laugh and then went on.

Finally, we have a greater faith in the future of Southern Baptists as a result of the Kansas City convention.

Forward, Southern Baptists.

### God Gives

God gives. But Man  
Must open his hand.  
God loves. But Man  
Must open his heart.  
God saves. But man  
Must open his mind.  
God calls. But man  
Must open his ears.  
—Carrie Esther Hamid

### Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

### THE GOSPEL OVERCOMES PAGANISM

Printed Bible Texts: Acts 19:8-10, 19:20, 23:27; Ephesians 5:15-18.

#### INTRODUCTION

Over and over I have confessed in these articles on the Sunday school lessons that I feel limp and useless for want of something to argue against when it comes to any discussion of the subject of the consumption of beverage alcohol. How would you frame an argument on the proposition that the sun will shine at noontime on a cloudless day? How can you get up an inspiring heat for an argument that any man,

however handsome and learned and attractive, that any woman, however beautiful, refined, and elegant, is just a fool for drinking into the stomach a poison that will steal away the brains? a guide that leads in but one direction, and that direction down? down in the direction of degradation, of debauchery, of utter ruin? A spot of strong liquor, a glass of champagne, of vodka, of Old Bourbon will quicken the wit, eh? No! No! No! But it will, and always does dull the sense of the decent, stimulate all the basest things that lie as sleeping devils in the human heart.

Let me ask you, my drinking deacon brother, why if you regard the effect of "dram" to be the imparting of an added fluency to the speech of a speaker, you do not counsel your brother deacons to join you in requesting your pastor to take one before he preaches



on a Sunday morning. You all know the name of one brilliant young preacher who drank himself out of the Baptist ministry to become the popular author of a number of novels in which the badly vulgar element looms in a degree disgusting to any refined and Christian soul. Being asked, as he was emerging from a long debauch, how he came to that sad condition, this young preacher replied that he had acquired the drink habit from visiting in the homes of his deacons in a Missouri city, homes in which he indulged in strong drink first, then bought him a cocktail mixer of his own, and then went his ways down the road of ruin. The downward road of ruin is the only road in which any person walks when that person walks with alcohol.

The only safe advice for any person to take is, leave beverage alcohol alone. Young man, young woman, I implore you for your own soul's sake, and by the cross on which the Master bled, flee the kiss of beverage alcohol as you would avoid the cobra's coils.

"Why do you not say something about other forms of intemperance? There are others just as bad." That other forms there are, I make not an argument. Physicians will tell you that a large number of people shorten their lives and make themselves of less use in the world while they live by overeating than by overdrinking.

Leave the subject of beverage alcohol, with this final statement: There is no sin or crime in all the calendar of wickedness to which beverage alcohol is not a full ally. That the highway patrol will say as to the part of overeating in the alarming number of highway slaughters I do not know, but I am sure that a great deal of suffering in the world is caused by plain gluttony. And every crime from murder down has been subject to being rightly charged to intemperance speech. So much for intemperance in any of its many forms. There is no argument for it except such as is hatched by the devil.

### I. THE SOURCE OF IMPROVEMENT IN EPHESUS

There recently closed in Jackson a regular session of our state legislature. I make no slightest doubt that the aggregation of fine gentlemen who make up that body did their best for our state, though some of the parties they were reported as flinging left me little of which to be proud on their account. His course thus far has raised our fine young governor in my esteem. I would not be willing to trade our governing personnel, from governor up to constable for the crowd that governed Ephesus in the days of Paul. But of this fact I am sure or, at least, in this belief I am secure, that no body of men, mere men, forms the source of righteousness of any people.

The moral improvement of any people anywhere or anytime begins with the casting of the evil out of the hearts of men. And there is but one Easter-Out of evil anywhere, and that is He whom Paul represented and in Whose name Paul performed all his miracles of healing, both of the bodies and the hearts of men. The outward lives of men grow clean when their hearts are made right with God. These men of Ephesus came to realize that Paul's ability to work miracles was due, and due only,

to the fact that he was the servant of one true and righteous God.

### III. THE DISPOSITION OF THE MAGIC BOOKS

"Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." Let us begin this paragraph with a little aside to the effect that the Bible everywhere assumes the existence of two opposite spiritual personalities in the world.

There is God on one side, and over against God is His adversary and ours — Satan, the devil, the evil personality who would bring to ruin all that is fair and fine in the world. Opposed to the angels, who serve God and man, there are the demons, who serve the devil and the evil everywhere. Now, there are just two of these opposed personalities, not three, not any number greater than just two. Likewise of the lesser spiritual personalities. There are angels, just one kind, the good. There are demons, just one kind, the evil.

All the people in the world are servants, no man is his absolute and only master. The race of men is divided into just two hosts—the servants of God; and the servants of the devil. Set this primal truth deep in the soil of your heart. There are just two kinds of people in the world. Our Lord Himself made use of such language as this, "He that is not for Me is against Me," "He that gathereth with Me scattereth."

Now, I said a few lines above that all men were on one or the other side in this ceaseless, ruthless conflict. Let me say now that God has made us likest to Himself in that He has made us able to choose to serve Him, to be numbered with His company. But we must make the choice, weigh the cost and make the choice. And having made the choice, having once made the choice, after counting the cost of walking the way of righteousness, for the cost may be very great, then the chooser must pay the cost, put his feet in the way of life and walk in it. See the example of these men of Ephesus.

They did not say, "We'll just put these books aside, out in the garage, or on the back shelf of the bookcase." No, they were willing to get rid of those books. The chap who decided to quit drinking liquor and sold all he had to his neighbor did not belong to the class of these Ephesians. They made up their minds, way up, and then they got rid of those books in such manner that they might not be snares to the feet of anybody else. They cut their association with those books clean.

### Our Readers Write

Dear Mr. Abrams:  
Thank you for the fine article in the RECORD, May 3rd issue, written by Mr. F. Townley Lord, "What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?"

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 1575, Natchez, Miss.

—BR—

Whiskey! I never use it; I am more afraid of it than Yankee bullets.  
—Stonewall Jackson

## 17th CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS — BAPTIST IMPRISONED, BANISHED FOR PREACHING IN NEW YORK

FLUSHING, New York, March 20, 1657 — William Wickenden, a Baptist minister who has been imprisoned here, has been ordered released and banished from the province. Wickenden was found guilty of preaching here without permission of civil or church authorities.

Wickenden came here several months ago from Providence, Rhode Island, and began preaching in private homes and elsewhere. He won a number of converts and took them to the river for baptism as is the practice of Baptists.

As soon as authorities discovered that the new comer was conducting unauthorized worship services, a constable placed him under arrest, and the minister was ordered fined one hundred pounds and banished. Wickenden was to be held until the fine and court costs were paid.

Authorities held Wickenden until they had determined that

he was too poor to pay the fine and then ordered him to leave the province. He was warned that if he returned he would be jailed until the fine was paid.

Probably the first minister to preach the Baptist doctrine in this area, Wickenden did not suffer alone as a result of the meetings. William Hallett, Flushing sheriff, also was arraigned for participating in the services.

Hallett was charged with permitting unauthorized meetings in his house and allowing Wickenden "to explain" and comment on God's Holy Word, and to administer sacraments, though not called thereto by any civil or clerical authority.

For his part in the Baptist services, the sheriff was fined fifty pounds and dismissed from office.

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### "LET GEORGE DO IT"

And who is "George"? In this common saying "George" is any person or thing, or any combination of persons or things that serves as an alibi for an individual's personal responsibility. And is it not queer to note how many people there are about us who will resort to almost anything to do this? And this is true, too, in the face of the fact that personal responsibility recognized, accepted and used in a natural way, is the main factor used by the Creator in forming, developing and strengthening personality and character.

Sometimes "George" is one's own parents; sometimes "George" is an institution — home, church, party, clan, denomination, or what not.

People dodge behind any one or more of such alibis to shirk personal responsibility, and they do so to their own hurt, and even to their own ruin in too many cases. In the same home oftentimes two brothers or sisters will go in exactly opposite directions in their respective approach to and in their respective dealing with life, only to find at last that they have been led to exactly opposite results—one to a life of usefulness, help and blessing to his community and to the world about him; the other to a life of negations and worthlessness — and all because one takes his place of responsibility in the society and the world about him; while the other lets "George" do it.

On the other side, it is easy for a parent, a home, a school, a church, a party, a denomination, a board or any other one of a thousand things to accept and use the place of George to be used as an alibi in the sense that I have just explained.

It gives one a certain place of standing in the world; it serves to enhance one's sense of dignity and importance; it is pleasing to one's selfish pride to be looked up to and to feel that he is a leader among his fellows! To all of this I feel like saying, "bosh!" Turn to the One who spake as never man spake, and who lived His life in such a way that the ages are coming more and more to give Him the name that is above every name and to find joy in singing "crown Him Lord of all".

He has uttered one saying that stands high above that of all the wise men of the ages, viz., "He that would be great among you shall be your servant, even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

Two accounts will close my word on "Let George Do It": (1) No man can grow in personality, character, power, and influence until he comes to accept and use his own place of responsibility in the world. (2) We are never going to bring the world to know and serve God until we bring ourselves back to the New Testament principle and method of each person being a witness for God wherever he may find himself and regardless of his attainments in the schools and such like.

W. R. Cullom  
Wake Forest, N. C.

## 50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

J. L. Boyd Sr.

### 50 Years Ago

Evangelist Geo. C. Cates closed a great revival meeting at Oxford, resulting in 300 conversions.

From the statistics of the recent Southern Baptist Convention total membership of white Baptists of the South were listed as 1,899,427, of whom 113,811 live in Mississippi.

### 40 Years Ago

At the recent commencement at Mississippi College President J. W. Province delivered diplomas to twenty-eight (28) young men in the regular courses, and to three others who had completed the course for Master of Arts degree. The academy (Preparatory Department) was abolished by the trustees. President M. P. L. Berry of Hillman College delivered diplomas to eleven young ladies "beautifully dolled-up." Rev. R. B. Gunter of Louisville, preached the Hillman baccalaureate sermon. At the Mississippi Women's College (William Carey) commencement, President J. L. Johnson presented diplomas and certificates to twenty-five young ladies, and the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. Zeno Wall.

Pastor J. E. Quinn tells of the Baptists of Tyertown moving into their new house of worship which has seating capacity of 600, 14 S. S. rooms, a pastor's study and a ladies' parlor.

### 25 Years Ago

The 41st Ave. Baptist Church, Meridian, closed a meeting of days with 58 additions, 30 for baptism, in which Pastor Gordon Ezell was assisted by Rev. L. G. Gates of Laurel.

Student W. O. Vaught of Mississippi College, was unanimously elected at a mass meeting of the student body as president of the Baptist Student Council. Vaught is also serving as president of the State B.S.U.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 11 — Royal Ambassador Camp, Kittiwake Assembly; District Training Union Conventions.

June 12 — Mrs. T. J. Temple, Baptist Building, Mailing Department, Mrs. P. O. Gibson, Humphreys Association Training Union Director.

June 13 — Roy S. Isbell, BSU Director at Mississippi State College; Rev. Bruce Aultman, Hattiesburg, Wm. Carey College trustee.

June 14 — Rev. O. B. Robertson, chairman of Evangelism Committee.

June 15 — Mrs. Clifton Keyes, Covington Association, W. M. U. Superintendent; Thomas B. Chaney, Superintendent of Missions, Hinds Association.

June 16 — Rev. N. F. Davis, Temperance Committee Chairman.

June 17 — W. D. Cole, Neshoba County Convention Board member.

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Preacher's Wife.

QUESTION: I am a young girl and I have a baby out of wedlock. I know that I have done wrong and I know God has forgiven me.

I have been dating a young preacher. Do you think it would be all right for a preacher to marry me? Would it hinder his ministry?

ANSWER: Yes, almost certainly it would hinder his ministry. Only the strongest of young men would be able to survive such a marriage and remain in the ministry.

You see, a preacher's wife becomes a target for the hostility of both the ignorant and the hypocritical. Some otherwise good people would object to you on the basis that you would be a bad model for young girls. A preacher's wife is expected to be not only a good person but an example. It would be argued that to make such a mistake and then be forgiven, might cause others to think that mistakes are not so hard to overcome after all. But they are.

As to what the young preacher should do about marrying you, only the Holy Spirit can guide him in that. But he ought to know what odds may be against his success. If he is a real Christian, he will not be unrealistic nor bitter. The ministry is a very expensive calling. It costs.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri)

—BR—

## My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. Walter Renfree, Ludlow, and Mrs. James Stewart, Meridian  
"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1)

II. By Flora Sudduth, Indiana  
"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

III. By Mrs. John T. Singley, Columbia  
"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

IV. By Mrs. Bess Peavy, Columbia  
"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matthew 11:29)

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# Children's Page

## Good Helpers For Maria's Village

By Nannetta Majores

Maria stood in the doorway of her little bamboo hut in the Philippines. She looked out at all the other little bamboo huts nearby. She watched several younger children chasing each other. But she could not see any of the children her own age.

"I wonder what they are doing in school now?" she said to herself. "If only there were some way to help Mother get well. Then I could go back to school."

Then she remembered what Mr. Maniti, her neighbor, had told her.

She hurried inside the hut and knelt down on the dirt floor near the mat where her mother lay.

"Mother, Mr. Maniti says

that a missionary doctor is in the next village. Perhaps he will come here, too!"

"I hope so," said Mother. "I would like to get well so that you can go to school."

One day Maria's father came home early from the rice paddies. "I have good news!" he said. "Tomorrow the missionary doctor will come here. He is Doctor Alvarez, they say."

The next day Maria got up early. She could hardly wait for the doctor to arrive. But at last he came. And he brought Miss Perez, a nurse, with him. The first person they came to visit was Maria's mother.

The doctor and nurse smiled at Maria's mother. They took her temperature. They gave her some medicine to take.

"Miss Perez will stay here a few days," Doctor Alvarez said to Maria.

"She will give your mother medicine. Your mother will soon be well."

Maria and her mother and father were very happy. Soon Mother would be feeling stronger. Then Maria could go to school. Soon she could run and play with the other boys and girls. Soon she would learn to read and write.

Miss Perez showed Maria how she could help her mother get well.

She showed Maria how to keep the house clean. "Keeping everything clean is one way to help stay well," explained Miss Perez.

She was very kind. She and Maria became good friends. One day Miss Perez said, "Maria, something exciting is going to happen!"

"What can it be?" asked Maria.

Miss Perez smiled as she said, "Your mother is now well. You may go to school every day now."

"Oh, thank you, thank you!" said Maria.

What fun it was to skip and play with all the boys and girls. It was so good to go to school. Maria learned many things. How proud she was to read to her mother and daddy.

Miss Perez and Doctor Alvarez stayed on in the village. They helped many other people there learn how to keep well.

One day Miss Perez saw Maria. She said, "I know a secret! Miss Flores, a Christian teacher, is coming to the village tomorrow after school. She'll meet all of the children in the schoolyard. She'll tell you many stories!"

Maria could hardly wait until the next afternoon. She loved to hear stories.

After school the following day, the boys and girls met Miss Flores in the schoolyard. They all sat under the big tree.

Miss Flores smiled at the boys and girls. "I am so glad that you have all come to hear my story," she said.

Then Miss Flores told them about Jesus who helped many sick people just as the doctor had helped Maria's mother. Jesus was everybody's friend. He loved the children. He was glad when they came to see him.

"Jesus taught the people about God," said Miss Flores. "He taught them how to help God care for people."

She showed the children some pictures of Jesus helping sick people. Maria liked best the picture of Jesus helping a sick lady on a mat. It made her think of how Doctor Alvarez and Miss Perez had helped her mother.

Soon it was time for Miss Flores to go.

"I will come back another day," she said. "I will tell you more about Jesus."

Maria was happy as she went to sleep. She wondered what story Miss Flores would tell them next time.

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**NEW HOPE CHURCH** IN Sunflower County has recently called Rev. C. C. Cornelius as pastor. Upon arrival to the new field of work, the pastor and his family were greeted with a bountiful pantry shower which was presented at a social hour at the church at which time a delicious supper was served.

## Batesville, 1st Notes Progress

### Duck Has Anniversary

Rev. Carl Duck completed his first year as pastor of the First Church of Batesville last Sunday, May 27.

There have been 107 additions to the church, 40 for baptism. Sunday School and Training Union have shown marked increases in both enrollment and average attendance.

The budget was raised from \$27,500 to \$35,000 and was overpledged in one day when the church pledged over \$40,000 on Pledge Day. The number of tithers increased from 162 to 325.

A graded choir program is now in operation. Both permanent buildings have been air conditioned.

The church has taken over the Curtis Mission and is leading the work there.

An Educational Director has been called and will begin work June 1. She is Miss Betty Butler, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Several improvements have been made in the facilities.

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## Biloxi Church Calls Minister of Music



Jacques M. Kearns

Jacques M. Kearns has been called by the First Church of Biloxi as Minister of Music and Youth Director. Mr. Kearns, a native of Mobile has spent the past 18 months in New Orleans, where he served as Director of Music at the Calvary Church and attended New Orleans Seminary, recently completing his work there for the Master of Sacred Music.

Mr. Kearns began his work with the Biloxi church on June 1. As full time Minister of music he will direct the three existing choirs and will develop a fully graded choir program. He will also have charge of the Youth program of the church.

Mr. Kearns is married to the former Miss Jean Hennessey, also of Mobile. Mrs. Kearns attended the Oklahoma Baptist University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. They have one son, Martin, aged nine months.

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## 31 Decisions In Kilmichael Revival

In one of the most unusual services in the history of the Kilmichael Church, 31 decisions were registered in the morning worship hour Sunday, May 27. Vernon Boatman of Jackson was the preacher.

The service concluded the annual Youth Week sponsored by the Training Union in the Kilmichael church. The decisions, which included three additions to the church and 28 rededications, came from every age group in the church.

Mr. Boatman is the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Boatman of 305 Nimitz Street in Jackson. He is a member of the West Jackson Church. Before moving to Jackson two years ago, he was a member of the Kilmichael church, where he surrendered his life for special service and where he was licensed to preach on April 25, 1954. He is now a sophomore at the Province High School in Jackson and plans to attend Mississippi College upon graduation.

According to the Rev. Landrum Salley, pastor of the Kilmichael church, this was the most effective service in his four-year ministry in Kilmichael.

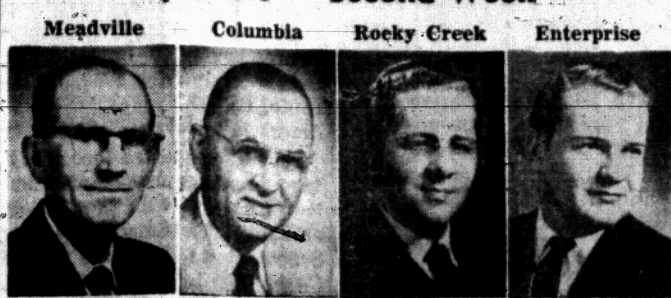
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## District Training Union Conventions

### Speakers — Second Week



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### WHERE TO ATTEND

Meadville, 1st (June 11)		Rocky Creek (George County, June 14)	
Franklin Union	Lincoln Pike	George Gulf Coast	Jackson Perry
Copiah	Mississippi	Greene	
Columbia, 1st (June 12)		Enterprise (June 15)	
Marion Jeff Davis	Lawrence Covington	Clarke Jones	Wayne Jasper
Lamar Walthall	Lebanon Pearl River	Newton	Lauderdale

(Note: Evening meal will be served by host church.)

**RIDGECREST**  
The First Baptist Church of Raysville, Louisiana (on Highway 80) has 20 reservations for the last Training Union Week at Ridgecrest July 26-August 4. Since that is not quite enough to warrant a chartered bus, this church would like to share a chartered bus with another group.

If you have from 8 to 17 reservations for that same week at Ridgecrest, please contact Mr. Kenneth Yeakey, First Baptist Church, Raysville, La.

**Youth Week Reports**  
Miss Dorothy Tyrone of Prentiss reports on Youth Week held in the Prentiss Baptist Church (Jeff Davis Association): "We feel that Youth Week is one of the finest weeks in our church and we were certainly pleased with the way our young people responded."

Rev. James Griffith of New Ireland Church, Newton Association, reports, "Youth Week is considered a must in our church. A great week for God's children—old and young."

Miss Mary Alice Ditsworth of First, Pascagoula, in reporting on Youth Week says, "We had two professions of faith, two surrenders for Christian service—one of them to preach. The greatest Youth Week we ever had."

Rev. R. J. Sanderson of Northside, Vicksburg: "Our Youth Week this year was the most successful we have had thus far."

Horace L. Kerr, Calvary Church, Tupelo, reports, "Used every intermediate and young person available to the benefit of all."

Miss Dorris Bailey, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, states, "The Training Union Director, Jimmy Breland, thought it was one of the best Youth Weeks."

Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III of Winona, reports, "It is a wonderful opportunity for a church to discover the abilities of her young people, but even more for the young people to discover themselves! Each year we say, 'This is the best,' but they continue to get better."

Rev. Elton Barlow of New Prospect Church, Lafayette Association writes, "There were many expressions of appreciation from the adults for the spirit in which our young people took their places of responsibility. The entire church was blessed by this experience."

Bob Taylor of First Baptist Church, Starkville, states, "Our Young People and Intermediates learned the responsibility of church leadership."

Rev. James M. Moore of Gaston Church, Prentiss Association, writes, "Youth Week proved invaluable this year."

Amity Church in Chickasaw Association has observed Youth Week five times according to Miss Leneas Eaton.

## Brotherhood Department

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**THE ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD**

Aggressive Associational Brotherhoods will promote the work of the local Brotherhood. They will reach masses of men because of their closeness to the churches. They will work through good programs and will build promotional activities.

The following officers will be elected at the annual Association in the fall. The nominating committee will bring in its report at the same time that the Sunday School and the Training Union officers are voted on. The following officers are needed: President, Program Vice-president, Attendance Vice-president, Promotion Vice-president, Song leader and Secretary-Treasurer. The Royal Ambassador Counselor will become a part of this committee, and the Promotion Vice-president will be in charge of all special committees including the Royal Ambassador committee.

**THE PRESIDENT**

The president will preside at all meetings. He should call a quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of the advisory council, all officers, and all committee chairmen. He should visit the church Brotherhoods over the Association as often as he possibly can, offering encouragement in the promotion of their work; keep in close contact with the moderator of the Association and his group of officers wherever and whenever they meet.

**THE PROGRAM VICE-PRESIDENT**

He is responsible for the presentation of a good and attractive program. The program should be planned with a definite purpose in mind. Each program should give emphasis to a definite Brotherhood or denominational objective.

**THE ATTENDANCE VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Attendance Vice-president should report on attendance at the last meeting. He should plan to have every church represented at the regular meeting whether that church has a Brotherhood or not.

**THE PROMOTION VICE-PRESIDENT**

He is promotional leader of the Associational Brotherhood. He should present plans to reach and organize every church in the Association. He should have a good Royal Ambassador committee to help prepare the Brotherhood to take over the boys work by October of 1957. Much of the success of Royal Ambassador work as an Associational group will depend upon the promotion of the Promotion Vice-president. He will also be chairman of any special committee that the President may appoint (refer to the new Associational Brotherhood diagrams).

**THE CHORISTER**

The Chorister will outline plans for special music to pro-

## John M. Evans Goes To Sunflower

Rev. John M. Evans has resigned the McLaurin Church to become pastor of the Sunflower Church June 1. He has served the McLaurin Church for the past 5 years.

During his pastorate at McLaurin, he has led in remodeling the church building inside and out. The Church has adopted the Every Family Plan of the BAPTIST RECORD, started giving through the Cooperative Program, and graded the Sunday School. He has also built a home.

Friday night, May 25, the Baptist and Methodist Churches joined in giving the Evans a farewell party. They were presented with a Dormyer Food mixer and Food Chopper given by the Baptist Church, and a Westinghouse Cook-N-Fry from the Methodist Church. Rev. Luther Hart, Pastor of the Methodist Church paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Evans for their spirit of cooperation as well as their contribution to Cub Scout, school and community activities.

note and encourage Male choruses and quartets.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

The secretary will read the minutes of the previous meeting and give the financial report and meet with the Executive Committee in its meetings. He will keep accurate records and send a report to the State Brotherhood Secretary each quarter.

**Some Possibilities**

1. Recognize every church Brotherhood at each meeting.
2. Try to organize a Brotherhood in every church in the Association.
3. Inform the men of the Associational and denominational needs.
4. Hold Associational Brotherhood clinics to train officers as to their duties.
5. Have a rally at least every quarter for inspiration and encouragement.
6. Associational Brotherhood revivals and promotion of Sunday schools in unchurched areas would be in line. For further thoughts read the associational tracts and Brotherhood Guidebook.

## Wayne Todd To Lead Natchez Revival



Wayne Todd

Rev. Wayne E. Todd, pastor of the Immanuel Church Lexington, Kentucky, and formerly pastor of Darrel Memorial Church, Jackson will lead in a revival at the First Church, Natchez, June 11-17. "Hap" Worsham, who is a student at Mississippi College and music director for the church, will lead the singing.

Rev. Wayne Coleman is the pastor.

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## Paul Brown To Be Kilmichael Pastor

The Rev. Paul Brown, pastor of the Union Church in Pike County, has accepted the call to the Pastorate of Kilmichael Church, effective July 1.

The new pastor is a native of Sledge and a graduate of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of the Anchor Church near Oxford and as associate pastor of the First Church of Marks. He will be married on June 6 to Miss Cornelia Smith of Carthage, Tennessee, a graduate of Carson-Newman College and the New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Brown succeeds Landrum Salley, who will become on June 20 the pastor of the First Church of Kentwood, Louisiana.

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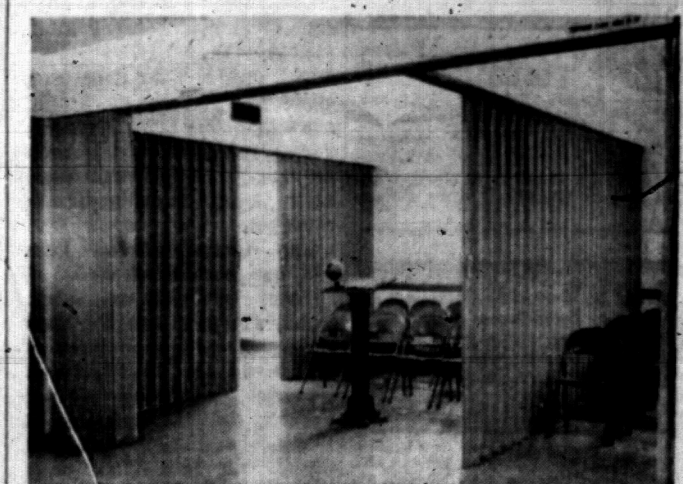
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## QUARLES' QUOTES

From the Executive Secretary  
Treasurer's Office

It has been several years since I have written regularly for the Baptist Record. It had been the custom for many years when I came to the office of Executive Secretary for a page, or at least several columns, to be written weekly. For some time I did this also.

When Joe Abrams became Director of Promotion we began releasing all of our promotional statements through his office. Needless to say this work was done very splendidly by this dedicated worker. No Executive Secretary ever had a finer yoke-fellow than I have had in Joe Abrams.

My heart is singing! Dr. Joe T. Odle has stated that he accepts the call of the Convention Board and will become Associate Executive Secretary not later than August 1. His coming to our work will greatly strengthen everything Mississippi Baptists are doing. His major concerns will be in the areas of evangelism and stewardship. He will work very closely with the Executive Secretary in all matters that affect our denominational life and that office.

Dr. Odle is a great spirit. He is deeply consecrated and is a man with many gifts. From all over the state there have come many statements of approval and happiness since he was elected.

Dr. W. C. Fields is in his office. This is his first week as Editor of the Baptist Record. Naturally it will take a little time for him to become settled in the work and we shall try to help him all we

can to get the "feel" of the work.

Under his leadership the Baptist Record will continue its progress. His spirit is superb, his mind is keen and his loyalty to Christ's cause is unquestioned. Great will be his contribution to Mississippi and Southern Baptists.

Two of our greatest churches will feel keenly the loss of these men from the intimate association they have had in the pastor-people relationship. We have been grateful for the fine expressions which have come from members of the churches. They are willing to release these great spirits to the larger ministry that our state work offers.

When God moves one man He has another to put in his place. We shall pray that the churches soon will be directed to the men God has prepared for them. "To know and do God's will is man's highest attainment."

Rev. Gordon Sansing, the efficient secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, gives us this information:

"The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in session Tuesday, May 15, 1956, gave a unanimous vote of appreciation to Rev. Joe Abrams for his very efficient and effective work as interim Editor of the Baptist Record following the death of Dr. A. L. Goodrich. The Board was high in its praise of Mr. Abrams work."

This is a well-deserved expression of appreciation. How fortunate we were to be able to turn to a man like Joe Abrams in our time of emergency. Brother Abrams has carried a heavy load without complaint.

no recommendation concerning the proposed teaching hospital in Alhambra, Calif., since the group in that state, which originally suggested the project, has not yet met the conditions under which first approval was given by the Convention in Miami last year, according to Dr. Tripp. The Miami Convention gave first approval to the proposed hospital with the understanding that Baptists in California would provide a suitable site and \$2,000,000 in cash with which to begin construction.

The Miami Association, Florida, presented a proposal to furnish a building site, to raise \$3,000,000 to build and equip a Southern Baptist Hospital in Miami. After discussion, extension of time, and unsuccessful efforts to refer and amend, the motion to accept the proposal was approved with the understanding that the matter would be presented for final decision at the next session of the Convention.

**Historical Commission**  
More than 500 Southern Baptist specialists are at work on a definitive Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists which is scheduled for publication next year. Dr. Norman W. Cox announced today in his annual report of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission. (Dr. Cox is past president of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board.)

Microfilm production by the Historical Commission reached a record high in 1955, the executive secretary reported. As the year ended the commission had a total of 2,179,476 pages of vital Baptist historical film, including all recoverable minutes of local Baptist associations of churches in South Carolina, Illinois and Texas.

The Historical Commission also is arranging to secure microfilm copies of all important Baptist materials from the major libraries of the world.

**Sunday School Board**  
"The major Convention responsibility of this Board is in the general field of teaching and training as it aids the churches in their program of mass education," Dr. James L. Sullivan said concerning the 65th annual report of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board's executive secretary-treasurer named the four basic responsibilities of the Board as: (1) publication of literature, books, and supplies; (2) discovery and development of education and service programs for use in churches; (3) operation of Baptist Book Stores; and (4) operation of summer assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Gorieta, N. M.

The Sunday School Board brought two recommendations to the Southern Baptist Convention: (1) that the Southern Baptist Convention approve a contingency reserve equivalent to an amount needed for operating the Board for three months; (2) that the name of "The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention" be changed to "The Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention" and the Board be authorized to apply for an amendment to its charter to care for the name change. The present name has been used since 1891.

A committee of seven was appointed to study this name change for a year.

**Baptist World Alliance**  
More than 4000 Baptists from the United States travelled to London, England, last year, to attend meetings of the Baptist World Congress, according to Arnold T. Ohn, general secretary, Baptist World Alliance. Many of these were Southern Baptists.

It was the ninth such Congress, scheduled every five years.

At the 1955 Congress, there was "a stronger, wider, and more representative participation of nationals from all continents outside the continent where the Congress was held than at any previous occasion," he declared.

Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., a church affiliated with the SBC, was elected president of the Alliance. Another Southern Baptist, Robert S. Denny, formerly with the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., accepted a position as associate secretary for youth work, and moved to Washington, where Alliance offices are located.

At London, the Alliance constitution was changed to give a wider world representation.

Twenty-six countries and thirty-one Baptist unions or conventions now have members on the Alliance's executive committee. There are 65 members on this committee.

(A Russian Baptist visiting the Convention said that every Baptist in Russia was a missionary — each a small Billy Graham.)

The next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance is to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960, and the next World Youth Conference is to be held the first week in July 1958, in Toronto, Canada.

**American Theological Seminary**  
Several committees are studying a proposed merger of American Seminary with the National Baptist Missionary Training School, it was reported to the Convention by L. S. Sedberry, executive secretary of the Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The two schools for Negro students are located side-by-side in Nashville, Tenn. The seminary is operated jointly by Southern Baptists and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., a convention of Negro Baptists. The training school has no connection with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The seminary had a deficit as of Dec. 31, 1955, of \$16,407, Sedberry declared. By previous agreement, a deficit limit of \$15,000 had been set. After that the Southern Baptist Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary was to withhold its monthly contribution until "some satisfactory arrangement was made to care for the deficit."

"No satisfactory arrangement having been made, the Commission has withheld its check for January, 1956," according to Sedberry. The seminary operates on a yearly budget of about \$90,000. Of that \$20,000 comes in from student sources, leaving a balance of \$70,000 to be provided by the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. and the Southern Baptist Convention.

In general observations, Sedberry said "there continues a great need for Negro ministerial education. . . . If the two conventions cannot continue their co-operative effort, we feel that the Southern Baptist Convention should promote its own program."

**THE SEMINARIES**  
**Southeastern Seminary**  
For the first time since Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was founded in Wake Forest, N. C., in September, 1951, Southern Baptists' youngest theological school will have the full use of its campus facilities when in June Wake Forest College with which the seminary has shared its campus, moves to a new \$2,000,000 campus in Winston-Salem, N. C. President S. L. Stealey told the Convention.

Reviewing the brief history of the school Stealey also pointed out that for the past five years the Seminary has had the use of only one building and that more than \$1,000,000 will have to be spent for the conversion of the Wake Forest College plant into seminary use. This is in addition to the \$1,600,000 which the Southern Baptist Convention originally agreed to pay for the college property.

Southeastern Seminary reached its record enrollment this year of 459 students.

**Golden Gate Seminary**  
The report of Golden Gate Seminary continues to be one of growth and expansion. The current session has been marked by the largest record in every area: enrollment, 331; faculty, 17; library books, in excess of 14,000; and graduates, spring 1955, 46. The president is Harold Graves.

Ground was broken for the new campus development Oct. 14, 1955.

The new seminary campus is across San Francisco Bay from Berkeley, on a peninsula north of Golden Gate Bridge.

**Southwestern Seminary**  
Southwestern Baptist Seminary is engaged in a local campaign to secure \$1½ million to build 500 living units for married students. Its president, J. Howard Williams, reported to the Southern Baptist Convention.

He reported also that a large addition to the seminary's library and the theology wing to its main building are nearing completion.

During the year just ended, the seminary's enrollment reached 2414.

## A SPIRITUAL MINISTRY MARKS BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By REV. JAMES B. PARKER  
Chaplain

First thing in the morning, we receive a surgery schedule and try to see each patient before his operation; and, upon request, we have prayer with the patient and family.

Second, we get the list of the new patients that have come into the hospital in the past 24 hours and try to visit each one of them. We want to see each patient that comes to the hospital if at all possible; however, we do miss some. Sometimes we have as many as 90 new patients a day. The Chaplains also write letters for the patients and make telephone calls for them.

We do counseling with the patients and the families of patients, also with the doctors and with the nurses. We have 180 doctors on our staff. We also counsel with the employees of the hospital, and we have approximately 650 employees.

We teach the student nurses a course in Bible, and each student is required to take this course. We are responsible for the religious activities of the hospital. We have vespers services, a YWA and a BSU. Mrs. Charles Culpepper is our BSU Secretary and she is doing a fine job. The Baptist Student Union represents and includes all the Baptist student activities of the campus. The primary concern of the BSU is to see that the students have a vital, living contact with the local Baptist churches throughout their three years of training. Approximately 90% of the Baptist students enrolled in the School of Nursing are members of the Baptist churches in Jackson.

**Give New Testament**  
We give a white New Testament to every baby born in our hospital, and we have had as many as 18 born in the hospital in 24 hours. We also see that a Bible is placed in all the hospital rooms. The book of John is placed all over the hospital and in all the waiting rooms.

Southwestern's library, which has passed the 100,000-volume mark, is the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi River and is the 10th largest in the nation.

Southwestern recently acquired the collection of Ernest W. Brown for its library. Brown, of England, is a Baptist deacon and leader in that country who also served the British government. The 9000 volumes which Brown has been collecting over a 60-year period include numerous first editions, rare volumes, and the like. Williams announced.

"The spirit of missions is the lifeblood of Southwestern Seminary," Williams said.

**New Orleans Seminary**  
Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, reported that the seminary's degrees from its school of religious education were accredited in last year by the American Association of Schools of Religious Education. Dr. Leavell is a native of Mississippi.

He also said that the school of religious education next September will offer courses toward a doctor's degree in religious education. Present enrollment is 856.

The seminary, formerly the Baptist Bible Institute, looks forward to its 40th anniversary in 1957. This is Leavell's 10th report to the annual Southern Baptist Convention as seminary president.

Leavell said present enrollment demands 100 additional student apartments, a chapel, doubling the size of the existing children's building, a 100-capacity addition to the men's dormitory, three more faculty residences, an alumni center, a building for the seminary's school of Christian training, and much paving.

Zoning regulations limiting use of the part of old seminary campus still owned by the seminary will make it difficult to sell, Leavell reported.

**Southern Seminary**  
Southern Seminary has the largest faculty of any theological school in the world, according to the annual report President Duke K. McCall made to the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McCall is a native of Mississippi.

The seminary at Louisville, Ky., also experienced the largest net gain in enrollment of any Southern Baptist institution in the current academic year, McCall continued.



Rev. J. B. Parker



Rev. J. B. Sebastian

We distribute thousands of religious tracts each week, and the Sunday School lesson is put on the tray of each patient on Sunday mornings.

We observe two religious emphasis weeks each year — one in the spring and one in the fall — which all students attend who are not on duty.

When a patient expires, we try to comfort the family. We have wonderful opportunities to witness for Christ and to win the lost to Christ. We find these words in the Bible:

"For I was ahungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

The mission of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital is three-fold — preaching, teaching and healing, and we try to emphasize this fact to all those who come within our walls.

The administration of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital feels that the chaplaincy program plays an important phase in the care of patients.

**Assistant Chaplain**  
Your hospital has both a full time and assistant chaplain. Their work is manifold, and each day their office is called on to assist with patient care. The hospital feels that caring for the spiritual needs of patients in the hospital is an important part of its function, and each year thousands of patients are ministered to by our chaplains.

Rev. James B. Parker has been hospital chaplain for several years. One year ago Rev. Jesse B. Sebastian was added to the chaplaincy staff.

With approximately 60% of our daily patient census coming to our hospital from out-of-town of Jackson and Hinds County, many out-of-town pastors contact the chaplains' office in order to keep in touch with their membership while hospitalized.

All of the local pastors know of our chaplaincy program and often call one of our two chaplains with reference to a member of their church who is in our hospital.

Contacts are made with many patients who have never had occasion to be reached by churches, and it is our belief that many times after leaving our hospital the patient takes a new look at the spiritual side of their life.

the Southern Baptist Convention.

He said there was a 5.8 per cent gain in membership in the Brotherhood organizations in 9,625 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Membership reached 289,307 in 1955.

Progress is continuing in transferring responsibility for Royal Ambassador work from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood Commission. This is to be completed by the end of 1957.

The layman's group is planning for a National Conference of Southern Baptist Men to meet in Oklahoma City Sept. 18-20, 1957. 1957 is the 50th anniversary year of the Brotherhood.

During 1956, the Commission was to sponsor two mission tours by laymen into Mexico. They are in conjunction with the Foreign Mission Board, with the men paying their ways and visiting SBC mission work there.

**Relief and Annuity Board**  
The year 1955 has been one of the most successful years of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board the annual report of its executive secretary declared.

R. Alton Reed said assets of the agency at the close of 1955 were over \$42 million. He expected assets to increase another \$8 million during the current year.

1955 marked the inauguration of new retirement and annuity plans. These plans benefit, in addition to ministers, other persons in denominational work. This especially pertains to persons employed by various denominational boards and agencies.

During the year, the Relief and Annuity Board also surveyed the need for a hospitalization insurance program for the more than 22,000 ministers of Southern Baptist Churches.

**Chaplains' Commission**  
Southern Baptists have 430 ministers serving on active duty as chaplains in various branches of the service and the veterans administration. This fills the quotas for active-duty Southern Baptist men in all branches.

Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains' Commission, reported there are openings for Southern Baptist men to serve in reserve capacities in the army, navy, air force V. A., and in the civil air patrol.

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ning of the "Four-Year" Conquest for Christ." It emphasized evangelism and conservation. Through the stimulus of the nationwide evangelistic crusade, sponsored by the Board's Department of Evangelism, 416,867 baptisms (which indicate the number of converts) were reported by churches throughout the Convention territory in 1955. The number of baptisms were a 20,000 increase over 1954, the highest previous year.

Mission personnel of the Board increased from 1,054 to 1,105 and Board receipts from the Cooperative Program, convention financial plan, and the Annie Armstrong Offering, a special convention-wide home missions offering, showed gain. In 1955, the Board received \$1,762,010 from the Cooperative Program, and \$1,256,254 from the Annie Armstrong Offering, and general designations which brought the grand total from denominational sources to \$3,134,340.

The church loans department made an average of slightly more than five loans each week during 1955, and at the end of 1955 had nearly \$6,000,000 in outstanding loans to smaller churches.

The Home Mission Board now has work in 41 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone. Many nationalities are ministered to by these missionaries, including Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish-speaking groups. In addition, the Board has rescue homes, good-will centers, work with Negroes, deaf, migrants, Indians, and Jews.

With 60,000,000 lost people in America there is a need for missions in America.

Billy Graham brought a challenging message on "America for Christ."

**Southern Baptist Hospitals**  
Opening of Baptist Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, Fla., admission of a record number of patients at Southern Baptist Hospital of New Orleans, La., and allocation of \$312,100 grants to the two hospitals by the Ford Foundation are highlighted in the annual report of the Southern Baptist Hospital Board presented by Dr. Frank Tripp, executive secretary-superintendent. The Hospital Board is making



## Sunday School Department

**E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary**  
**PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate**  
**MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary**  
**MISS ALEXINE GIBSON, Associate**  
**MISS PAT HINES, Office Secretary**

### THOSE VACATION SCHOOLS HOW VALUABLE THEY ARE

Yes, indeed, those Vacation Bible schools are very valuable. In fact, it is doubtful if a church can give itself to anything for the same length of time that will be of greater permanent value than the Vacation Bible school.

There is hardly any estimating all the good that comes to our boys and girls—and also the teachers—through a well-planned, efficiently-promoted Vacation Bible school.

And, the danger point of this fine program is that it is so easy to let the time pass when these must be held; since they can be promoted only during the vacation time. That of itself shuts up this part of the work to May, June, July and August. A very few are held during the last days of April, but they are few in number.

Since May is now gone, that leaves only June, July and August for these schools, and that time will be gone before we are aware of it. It can slip so easily and when it does, that means that 1956 is gone so far as having Vacation Bible schools.

Therefore, Brethren, and also Sisters, let's give the more earnest heed to this important matter lest we let them slip, and thus lose entirely for another year one of our very finest opportunities to add some very worthwhile things to the lives of our boys and girls. They deserve our best in every good thing; and this is one of them. If we can help you further, please feel free to write us.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT KITTIWAKE ASSEMBLY

August 27-31 is Sunday school week at Kittiwake Baptist Assembly this year.

The program will begin on Monday night, August 27, and close at noon Friday, August 31. We will begin the week's program with supper on Monday evening, at 6:00.

An excellent program has been planned consisting of age-group conferences, music, Bible Hour, inspirational messages, general conference periods, pictures, recreation etc.

And all this for only \$15.00 for the full time. Write us now for reservations. A limited number can be cared for.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION OFFERINGS

A regular part of the Vac-

ation Bible school program is the mission offering.

This is a very fine and worthy part, too. It gives the boys and girls the opportunity of giving some money to work beyond the home church. It helps to develop in them the habit of giving, and to giving something to those in places other than the home church and community.

To what shall these offerings be given? This question must be settled some way. All right, then, why not teach the boys and girls to give to everything we do and give it through the Co-operative Program? This is the one way Baptists have of giving to all the causes that we promote.

The Co-operative Program is the finest of all ways we have to help every part of our entire program, both far and near.

Therefore, Vacation Bible School Workers, suggest to your boys and girls in the schools that they give their mission offerings to help all of our work, rather than just a part of it. This can be done by suggesting they give it to the Co-operative Program. They will do by this as the workers suggest, and the workers cannot suggest a better plan for Vacation Bible School Mission Offerings.

### REMEMBER THESE DATES

Here are some important dates to put on your calendar: Ridgecrest—June 21-27; June 28-July 4; July 5-11. Glorieta—July 26-August 1; August 2-8; August 9-15.

These are the three Sunday school weeks at each of these places.

August 27-31 is the Sunday school week at the Mississippi Baptist Assembly at Kittiwake, on the beautiful Gulf Coast.

Make reservations now. Write us for information.

### AWARDS FOR APRIL

No. Awards for April ... 3,001  
 No. Awards to date ... 22,584  
 No. Churches to date ... 618  
 No. Assos. to date ... 74

### HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Southside, Jackson ... 185  
 Pocatontas  
 Newton, First ... 102  
 Greenwood, First ... 71  
 Crystal Springs ... 65  
 Moss Point, First ... 63

### HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Hinds ... 443  
 Newton ... 306  
 Rankin ... 173  
 Copiah ... 134  
 Lauderdale ... 133

### SBC Favors

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When Miami Baptists have built and equipped it and turned it over to the convention. There is no convention financial commitment involved. The proposal came from the Miami Association.

The body voted to take over control of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, just as soon as details of the transaction can be worked out. The W. M. U. Convention had already voted for the transfer.

The Pastors' Conference elected officers on Tuesday as follows: Chairman, James Wesley, Atlanta; vice-chairman, Warren Hultgren, Lake Charles, La.; and secretary-treasurer, Ross Edwards, Kansas City.

**Committee Action**  
 The Executive Committee of the Convention reported major actions it took since the 1955 Convention at Miami, Fla.

In the first, it approved a request by the Home Board to use \$300,000 to buy church building bonds.

A second action was naming a committee to study the proposed merger of two Negro Baptist schools in Nashville, one of which is partly supported by the Southern Baptist Convention. They are the American Baptist Theological Seminary, which received SBC aid, and the National Baptist Missionary Training School, which is entirely supported by Negro Baptists. The proposed merger is still under study.

Thirdly, the Executive Committee approved a request of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, to negotiate a second loan of \$750,000 with an insurance company at 4 1/4 per cent interest.

The Executive Committee also has taken under consideration, by Convention request,

the question of hotel and motel accommodations and auditorium facilities available in cities proposed as sites for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is undertaking to determine the minimum number of accommodations required before a city can be considered for a Convention site due to the attendance at the annual sessions.

A report by a special committee on hospitalization for ministers recommended that no plan for hospitalization for ministers be inaugurated by the denomination at this time.

A resolution presented by an Alabama group asking for litigation to prove the unconstitutionality of the Hill-Burton Act was not accepted. A motion was passed requesting the Public Affairs Committee to study the Hill-Burton Act.

New officers were elected for the joint meeting of the Southeastern, Western, Southwestern Religious Education Association.

President, J. M. Price, Fort Worth; secretary-treasurer, Miss Gracie Knowlton, Fort Worth.

The three vice-presidents, to be elected later, will be the three presidents of the associations.

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**"Combating the Dropout Problem,"** a handbook for teachers, counselors, and administrators in elementary and high schools has been published by Science Research Associates, 57 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 10, Illinois. The 48-page illustrated booklet, to sell for \$1.00, was authored by Charles M. Allen, principal of the University high school, college of education, University of Illinois.

## NORTHSIDE TO OPEN KINDERGARTEN

Northside Church, Jackson, plans to open a Kindergarten in September of this year. The school will be open to all white children 5 years of age. To be eligible to enroll, a child must be five by January 1, 1957. All children are welcome regardless of denomination or church preference.

It will open simultaneously

with the Public Schools in September and will observe the same holidays as Public Schools.

Regardless of where you live your child may enroll and if you are interested in sending your child, please call the Church office, 61416 or 6-1417. The church is seeking now to employ a Kindergarten Director.

For further information please call the Northside Baptist Church office.

Rev. Henry Crouch is pastor.

—BR—

## 'Hold A Hobby Show'

By Harold Gluck

We had a Hobby Show last week at our school. The librarian was kind enough to set aside a section of the library for the display of different hobbies. Any student was eligible to display his or her hobby. Hobbies were divided into the following classifications: 1. Things you collect. 2. Things you make. 3. Things you do. It was also agreed that there would be a winner in each of the three classifications.

One boy who was an Amateur Radio Operator brought his equipment to school and showed how it was used. Then several boys who were stamp collectors displayed pages of stamps from different countries. One girl collected gift wrappings and had a display of all kinds of papers used to wrap packages. Another girl had a large collection of birthday and get well cards. Many of these were illustrated and had pleasant sayings on them. One boy had made a collection of minerals which were mounted on boards. Underneath each mineral was the name.

There was one hobby with a demonstration that always had a full audience. This particular boy was a Yo-Yo champion and he displayed his agile ability with that toy. A girl who wanted to be an artist had on display all her drawings



The great Abraham Lincoln spoke often of the many times he had fallen to his knees because he had no place else to go. The realization of our human weakness and insufficiency is the first step toward God's mercy and help—so freely granted to heal us and save us, through devout prayer and faith.

and paintings. You can hold a similar hobby show sponsored by your Sunday school class. Select a committee of judges, 3 or 4 adults or young people, to judge the show for the best hobby. If you desire a small prize can be given for the best hobby.

Put posters up in the classrooms telling about the hobby show and invite other boys and girls to participate. (Baptist Press Syndicate, all rights reserved, used by author's permission)

## Carey Students In Summer Service

One hundred forty-three places of service will be filled in the churches and mission points in Mississippi and throughout the United States this summer by William Carey College students.

Those students working as student summer missionaries under the Home Mission Board are: Essie Faye Johnson, to work in Kentucky; Ray Watson, Kansas; Joyce Ferrell, California; Virginia Wu, camps throughout the South; and Edith Whitley, Oklahoma. Barbara Carpenter will work in Oregon under the B. S. U. Department of Mississippi. Paul Irby and George Welch plan to work under the Tentmakers program and Betty Peavy will serve as a camp counselor at Camp Garaywa. Jane Brigrance and Louise Thomas will serve on the staff at Ridgecrest.

Thirty-four students indicated plans to serve in Vacation Bible Schools; 29, as Sunday School teachers; 21, preachers; 18, Training Union work; 14, pianists; 11, choristers; 2, church secretary positions; one will serve as an educational director and one will sell Bibles.

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## WMU Elects

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vention elected its first new president in 10 years when it met in annual session recently in Kansas City, Mo.

The body elected Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Texas to succeed Mrs. George R. Martin, of Norfolk, Va., president since 1946.

Mrs. Mathis was president of the Texas Woman's Missionary union for six years ending last October. She formerly had

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have organized Sunday schools and Baptist Training Unions, as well as summer Vacation Bible schools in many cases. A booklet, *The New Life*, has been published to aid chaplains in teaching distinctive Baptist beliefs.

### Radio and Television Commission

The Baptist Hour, official radio broadcast of the Southern Baptist Convention, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary and 100,000th broadcast this year. Produced by the Commission, the Baptist Hour has grown with the denomination until today it is carried on 400 radio stations in 33 states and several foreign countries. It is now prepared on tape at the Fort Worth

served as executive secretary and youth secretary of the Texas union. She is employed on the administrative staff at Baylor University. A widow, she has one daughter, Mrs. Cleo Coffey, Jr., Amarillo, Tex.

The women's union voted to build a \$40,000 memorial chapel in Mrs. Martin's name at the European Baptist seminary in Zurich, Switzerland.

The W. M. U. adopted without debate a resolution calling on its members to urge passage of pending federal legislation to prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages.

Other officers elected: Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, Miss., recording secretary; Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary, and Miss Lavana Neal, Birmingham, treasurer.

State presidents elected yesterday to be W. M. U. vice presidents included: Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, state W. M. U. president.

offices and distributed to all these points in and beyond the bounds of the Convention.

Paul Stevens is the director. As a fitting observance of its success on the radio, the Radio and Television Commission launched a 13-film series for television on April 1, 1956. The series is called "This Is The Answer."

Production of two television programs and six radio programs for CBS and NBC has served to point up the fact that Southern Baptists have taken their place beside the National Council of Churches, Protestant groups, the Jewish Council and the Catholic organizations which produce radio and television programs.

Baker James Cauthen was appointed Baptist Hour speaker to succeed Roy O. McClain.

### American Bible Society

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1092 languages and dialects, Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, field secretary of the American Bible Society reported to the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

This is eight more languages than were included in the last report of the American Bible Society, he said.

The entire Bible has been published in 297 languages and dialects; the entire New Testament in 265, and at least one entire book of the Bible in the remainder.

During the last year, the American Bible Society has provided translations for people in Northern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, Angola, Sudan, Burma, Guatemala, Nigeria, Papua, French Equatorial Africa, Mexico, the Philippines, New Guinea, and Dahomey (West Africa).

A New Testament has been produced in Portuguese Braille.

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## The Record Reviews For The Reader . . .

In **ANGEL OF THE BATTLEFIELD**, an unusual and fascinating new biography, Isabel Ross presents one of the least stereotyped heroines in history—the indomitable Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. Published by Harper's, New York, the book is rich in excerpts from a vast, untapped store of memorabilia accumulated by Miss Barton during her 91 active years and presented to the Library of Congress in 1954 by her heirs. The story sweeps from the battlefields of the Civil War to the court of the Emperor of Austria, from the Spanish-American War to the Galveston flood. Clara Barton was called the angel of the battlefield in three wars—two of them on foreign soil. Then, finding peacetime existence hard to bear, she discovered that disaster relief proved as engrossing as bringing help to wounded soldiers. It was she who first organized relief for natural disasters on a national scale. A timid New England child who began her public life teaching school, Miss Barton was a clerk in the Patent Office in Washington when the Civil War broke out. In April of 1861, when the first "foreign troops" from the north were due in Washington, she went home, tore up some sheets, gathered supplies in a market basket and went out to take care of "the ragged, bloody men who said everything but their prayers." Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher for \$4.

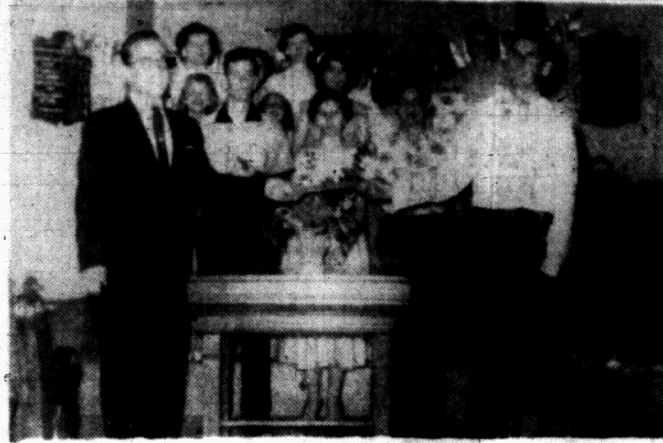
The Roy Rogers family has exerted an extraordinary influence on American family life not fully realized by many "fans." Maxine Garrison discloses in her new book, **THE ANGEL SPREADS HER WINGS** (Fleming H. Revell Co., Westwood, N. J.; \$2.00). This influence was graphically revealed after publication of Dale Evans Rogers' Best-selling book, "Angel Unaware." Personalities as diverse as Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Joan Crawford, a New Jersey sur-

geon, a Pittsburgh working girl, an alcoholic cured by "Angel Unaware," all found it a moving and helpful book. "Angel Unaware" is the story of Robin Elizabeth Rogers, a retarded child. This account of a personal tragedy has helped thousands of readers to understand and accept their own burdens and to have greater compassion for all others. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

Dr. W. Clark Ellzey, a Methodist minister, is head of the department of marriage education at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, and a member of the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches. In his new book he brings into sharp focus the place of the family in establishing the faith, the responsibility of the parents, the necessity of family prayer and Bible reading. "God may be found throughout His universe and by approaching Him along many trails. But He may be found most intimately in terms of His personal nature through the pulsing life of the growing family." Order **FINDING GOD THROUGH THE FAMILY** from The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. or from the Baptist Book Store for 15 cents each or 8 for \$1.

How to become a better leader is the subject of "Guide to Good Leadership" by Kenneth A. Wells, director of research, national council, Boy Scouts of America. The new 50-page illustrated Life Adjustment Booklet, published by Science Research Associates, 57 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 10, Illinois, sells for 50c.

"How to Work With Parents," a handbook for teachers, counselors, and administrators in elementary and high schools, has been published by Science Research Associates, 57 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 10, Illinois. The 44-page booklet sells for \$1.00. Maria Piers, assistant clinical professor of social work, Chicago Medical School, authored the illustrated booklet.



Youth Week was observed by the New Zion Church, Copiah, recently using the theme "Where Does God Want Me?" Rev. Ray W. Fullilove, pastor, is shown handing the key to the youth pastor Thomas Singletary. General Officers shown on the first row are, left to right: George Ayers, Sunday School Superintendent; Kay Hughes, Training Union Director, and Carl Thornton, chorister. Other participants included those on the second row: Sylvia Taylor, Bobbie Drew, Dot Hughes, Peggy Beff, and Earl Thornton; third row: Mrs. Thomas Singletary, Francis Drew, Lynn Thornton, Roy Drew and Da's Sullivan.

## JAMES AND RURAL LIFE

By Carl A. Clark  
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Some of the authors of Scripture seem to have had a predominantly rural background. Others were city men. It is interesting to note how the life and background of a man reflects itself as he presents the inspired Word of God. Let us look at the book of James. It reflects many elements of rural life as explanatory features of Christian living.

Let us notice, first, that James speaks of the Christian life in such a way as to indicate that it is not the expectation of natural life. Something outside human nature must shape a man before he can be a Christian. He does not call it new birth. Rather, he uses the agricultural figure of planting a new graft on an old tree. In 1:21 he says, "receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." The force of Christian living must be grafted into the human life. The "ungrafted" or "native stock" cannot pro-

duce the Christian's saving experience.

### The Perspective of the Christian

James is quite concerned that his Christian readers have strength to face the trails of persecutions and temptations that flood upon them. In the first chapter, he discusses somewhat at length the need for stability of character and how sometimes even trials produce that stability. The man who does not have stability is compared to the shifting waves of the sea. "For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed" (1:6).

The Christian must not only realize that it takes divine strength to face the trials of life, but he must be able to discern the elements that are transient and uncertain. James says that material riches are temporary, just like the grass that springs up today and is scorched by the sun tomorrow. Not only a man's possessions will perish, but the rich man himself will fade away. "Because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof

Emmett Boone, Chaplain of the Police Force in Hattiesburg, will be the guest speaker at the Hattiesburg Church at the evening service, June 10, at 8 o'clock. Rev. Athens McNeil is the pastor at Hattiesburg.

falleth" (1:10, 11).

In 4:14 James says a man's life is just like the mist or a fog. It is here for a while, and then vanishes away. One who has his faith in Christ sees these factors of life in their true perspective. He places primary value upon the things that are eternal.

### The Mastery of the Christian

Much of the book of James deals with what could well be called dedication to Christian service. It is asking the Christian to take a look at his own life. It reminds us of Jesus' statement that, "No man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24).

James insists the one who is a believer in Christ live what he professes to believe. A man must control himself or rather let the Spirit of God control his life. He speaks of the tongue and uses the figure of speech of the bridle on a horse.

A Christian should not let his life get out of control, for even "we put bits in the horses' mouth that they may obey us." How much more should a Christian's life be under proper direction. This control must be placed in the hands of the Spirit of God or else life will go in the wrong direction. . . In 3:4 James refers to life as being a ship controlled by the helm.

Again, a life that gets out of control is like a small fire that kindles a great conflagration (3:5). Even man's tongue can cause his Christian experience to be invalid.

Men have tamed all the beasts of the earth (3:7), but have not tamed their own tongues. Only God can do that. Again referring to consistency in life, James is disturbed over the fact that many people use the same tongue for both blessing and cursing. He makes this evident by referring to the fountain that cannot send forth both sweet water and bitter at the same time (3:11). A reformed heart can produce only

## Author's Second Book



Rev. F. V. McFartridge

Announcement has been made that the second book from the pen of Rev. F. V. McFartridge, pastor of Springfield Church, Scott County, will be on sale Aug. 1. The book, to be released by Broadman Press, Nashville is named "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

He is also author of an expository article of Rom. 8:28-30, entitled "The Called According to His Purpose," which was published in the "Review and Expositor," theological quarterly of Southern Seminary, in October, 1951.

Before coming to Springfield in 1954, he was pastor at Coldwater, Tate County, for nine years. He has also served Plantersville, Verona and Duncan.

good. A true Christian life will bear true Christian fruit, for a fig tree cannot bear olives nor a vine, figs (3:12). To make it all the more pertinent to rural people, James speaks of the good Christian life as being good fruit (3:17).

Not only must the believer live a life of consistency and surrender to the mastery of the Spirit of God. He must also demonstrate true Christian relationships with his fellowmen. If one is under the mastery of Jesus, he will demonstrate justice and fairness in all personal relationships.

The believer is accountable unto God for the way he treats his farm hands. James feels

that too many have rejoiced over the suffering of others. Instead of grieving over injustice, they were rejoicing almost like hog-killing time. In 5:5 he says, "You have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter."

**The Hope of the Christian**  
James uses other rural illustrations to present some of the anticipations of believers. He insists that believers should have patience. This patience applies to all of life, but is especially relevant toward the expected return of Christ. As he insists that Christians should demonstrate this kind of patience, he says, "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain" (5:7). The farmer knows that he must wait for the rain, both the rain that prepares the soil for planting and the rain that comes at the growing stage of the grain, making it produce and bear. This kind of patience, says James, must be in evidence in the Christian life, particularly as he waits for the judgment of Christ.

James even illustrates prayer with a rural figure. In talking about the effectiveness of fervent praying, he cites the incident of Elijah. The prophet prayed that it might not rain, and the three and one-half year drought came. He prayed again and the heaven gave her rain and the earth brought forth her fruit (5:17, 18).

It seems to me James was putting these profound Christian truths and experiences in terms which rural people readily understand. Maybe this is one of the reasons why the book of James becomes such a practical blessing in the daily living of devout people.

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**The Church needs today:**  
More tithes and fewer drives;  
More action and less faction;  
More workers and fewer shirkers;  
More backers and fewer slackers;  
More praying and less straying;  
More burden bearers and fewer talebearers.

## Agency Reports - - -

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The Society also has recorded a small volume of Scripture passages from both Old and New Testaments on talking book records for those Portuguese-speaking blind persons who are unable to read with their fingertips.

### SEMINARY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

By Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss., director  
The seminary's extension department of the Southern Baptist seminaries presented its report to the Southern Baptist Convention, telling how it has reached students.

The department is a joint venture of the five Convention seminaries. Each of the seminaries contributes \$5000 to the department for its operation.

"Seventy-five centers were operated in the past year in states where the Baptist colleges do not promote a state-wide program," he said. "A total of 3315 have enrolled in the extension program and 1721 more are enrolled in correspondence study."

The department staff was increased with two associates joining it during the year: Ray K. Hodge, who will be in charge of work in the Atlantic seaboard area, and W. A. Whitten, who will work in the South and Southwest. The division of territory enables the department to supervise centers more closely and to extend its work, Gallman declared.

**Southern Baptist Foundation**  
Executive Secretary T. L. Holcomb of the Southern Baptist Foundation has announced his retirement from the Foundation effective June 1.

He reported he plans to become associate pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., where his son, Luther Holcomb, is pastor.

Holcomb became executive secretary of the Foundation June 1, 1953, after retiring as executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn.

This is his 21st annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention for an agency of the Convention.

"The year 1955," for which Holcomb is reporting, "was

marked by the steady progress," he said. The Foundation entered its 10th anniversary year—1956—with a record of accuracy, promptness, and Christian courtesy.

Nearly every other agency and institution of the Southern Baptist Convention has placed trust funds with the foundation to be invested. Total assets of the Foundation on Dec. 31, 1955 were \$1,873,089. There also are many individual accounts.

**State Baptist Papers**  
B. J. Murrie, editor of the Illinois Baptist, who is chairman of the committee on Baptist state papers, presented the report on the state papers. He recommended that the Committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign and the Committee on Baptist State Papers be combined. This recommendation was approved.

Murrie also recommended wider adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan under which churches budget the paper for every family in their membership.

### Foreign Mission Board

"Response to the call for mission volunteers is more encouraging than ever before," Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said in presenting the annual report of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Not only are young people dedicating themselves, but experienced pastors and other workers already established in posts of service (other than as missionaries) are reconsidering their personal responsibility and volunteering for mission fields."

"One hundred and four missionaries were appointed in 1955. It is our objective to appoint a minimum of 125 in 1956 and succeeding years. That number should be steadily increased as the call of world need is heard," Cauthen continued.

"God is at work in the hearts of Southern Baptists moving toward a vastly enlarged world mission undertaking. The conviction that Southern Baptists must enlarge their world ministry has continued to deepen during the past year. Money given through the Southern

Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions brought more financial resources to the Board than in any previous year in its history.

"The world mission enterprise can be expanded," he said, "just as rapidly as additional resources in personnel and finances are available. May God grant that we shall go away from this meeting of the Convention resolved that through the help of the Lord we will give ourselves to a world task in keeping with expectations of our sovereign Lord."

Southern Baptists had 1,020 foreign missionaries in active service in 35 countries and territories of the world at the close of 1955. Among them were 392 men, 402 married women, and 226 single women.

Official reports from the overseas missions at the end of 1955 reveal that the 2,250 Baptist churches related to Southern Baptist work baptized 24,342 people last year, bringing the total membership of the churches to 236,494. (Figures from China have not been available since 1949 and are not counted in the reports.) These churches were served by 1,541 national and 130 missionary pastors. A total of 4,677 nationals worked alongside Southern Baptist missionaries in 1955.

Fourteen hundred and twenty-four of the churches are self-supporting; all of them together contributed the equivalent of \$1,582,888 during the year.

There was a total of 3,880 outstations at the end of the year, most of which will become churches.

The 3,209 Sunday schools on mission fields showed an enrollment of 263,532; the 3,401 youth groups, 101,740; and the 2,861 missionary societies, 62,973.

Among the 791 Baptist schools on foreign fields were 22 theological seminaries with 896 enrolled and eight training schools with 684 enrolled.

Thirteen Baptist hospitals, 10 dispensaries, and 30 clinics were served by 35 missionary physicians, 54 national physicians, 42 missionary nurses, and 107 national nurses. These medical units ministered to a total of

## Second, Greenville Has Good Revival

A revival campaign at the Second Church of Greenville has been concluded with Dr.

Hyman Appelmann, internationally known Jewish evangelist as the speaker. Attendance was excellent.

The music was under the direction of Dr. Robert J. Hughes. He received his education at the University of Toronto, Canada and at Trinity College in Oxford, England.

His conducting of the 55 voice choir he made an invaluable contribution to the success of the meeting.

Two of the outstanding services of the meeting came on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon of the second week of the campaign. Saturday evening Dr. Appelmann presented the theme of the Second Coming of Christ. Sunday afternoon he told the story of his conversion.

There were 91 additions to the church; 71 for baptism and 20 by letter. Rev. M. E. Perry is pastor.

240,411 patients during 1955.

Ten publication plants printed 195,000 Bibles; 483,435 copies of 155 books; 4,034,994 pieces of 307 tracts, and 2,194,537 copies of 128 periodicals.

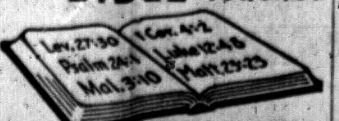
Ten good-will centers enrolled 1,682 children and 797 adults.

"Only a small portion of the story can be told," Dr. Cauthen said. "The remainder will have to be visualized in terms of love, devotion, and sacrifice, making possible what has been done."

The Foreign Mission Board's total income for 1955 reached an all-time high of \$11,108,268, an increase of more than 9 percent over 1954. Approximately 94 percent of this total was used for support of missionaries and work conducted abroad.

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## WORLD EVANGELIZATION - AT HOME

By L. O. Griffith

### Home Mission Board

"When you trust the Lord, He will save you." This personal word fresh from the rich Christian experience of an older person, brought a younger man to a place of complete trust in the Lord.

"You don't believe that book, do you?" the salesman asked a businessman, as he pointed to a Bible on the desk. Beside the Bible was the "Sunday School Builder" magazine which this Christian read and studied with his Bible between business transactions.

The businessman answered, emphatically, "Yes, I do believe this Bible. I have experienced its teachings!" With this same earnest, fervent testimony, the businessman also gave witness to many others who came into his office.

An Indian girl came home and recited Bible verses which she had learned in Vacation Bible school. Her parents were so impressed with these wonderful words, they invited the missionary to visit their home.

God opened their hearts and the hearts of some of their children. Sunday school was started in the home; others were won to Christ. Today, a beautiful church stands in this Indian village as a testimony because a little girl quoted Bible verses to her parents.

A woman on the West Coast rented a room to a military family with a little boy. This family had been unable to find living quarters because of their child. The first time the young mother went to get groceries, she saw her landlady sitting in a rocking chair reading the Bible with such interest that it made a very strong impression on her.

Soon, an invitation was given to attend services, and it wasn't long before the mother had accepted Jesus as her Savior and in turn, became a dynamic witness to the saving power of Jesus.

Calls kept coming to the laundry, saying, "My clothes have not been picked up." It was during the Baptist revival.

The man on the truck had

been saved from a life of sin. He felt the urge to witness to others so strongly that his concern for soiled souls to be cleansed became so great that he forgot about the soiled clothes of people.

As he went from home to home picking up soiled clothes he witnessed personally to the soiled souls until he led 14 to accept Christ during that revival.

These are but illustrations of what Christians in all walks of life, including you, may do—right in their own home town—to lead others to Christ.

World evangelism begins at home, with each Christian doing what God wants him to do and working for the salvation of those who are not Christians.

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### A PRIEST SPEAKS HIS MIND

By Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman is a 190-page book telling why the author, a converted Catholic priest, returned "to the Protestant faith of his fathers." In a review of the book Home Missions Magazine said, "The author presents the errors of Roman Catholicism against the teachings of the Bible. He is greatly disturbed over the efforts of (Roman) Catholicism to dominate American thinking and American politics." The Baptist Observer stated: "His book is a comprehensive presentation of the weaknesses of the Roman Catholic Church and his reasons for leaving that Church. Brief, but adequate statements of (Roman) Catholic faith and practice are given. The reasons for conflict in practical life between the Protestant and Roman Catholic religions are clearly stated. One chapter contains a glossary of Roman Catholic terms and their meanings. A full index makes possible the location of any information given." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman, CRUSADE FOR CHRIST, P. O. Box 1053, Glendale 5, California. The price is \$2.25.

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Anything that mars or weakens human responsibility is sin.

## NEWS

From Here And There  
(By Religious News Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — An office of the Methodist Commission on Public Relations and Information will be opened here in September. O. B. Fanning, head of the Methodist information office in Nashville, Tenn., will be director.

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Montana Knights of Columbus unit adopted a resolution here urging that Good Friday be declared a legal holiday in the state. It will be presented to state officials.

VATICAN CITY — Charity and the love of God should permeate every hospital, Pope Pius XII declared at a special audience to a group of American doctors belonging to the International College of Surgeons.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Supreme Court took under advisement here the case of a Protestant couple seeking to adopt twin girls baptized as Roman Catholics.

PHILADELPHIA — Proper handling of money is an "essential part of honest religion," Dr. Robert J. McCracken, pastor of Riverside church in New York, declared here.

PHILADELPHIA — The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. set a 1957 benevolence goal of \$32,243,661, the highest in the denomination's history. It is \$6,474,012 larger than the goal for this year.

TORONTO, Ont. — A \$1,000,000 national headquarters building for Canada was opened by the Jehovah's Witnesses section in North York, a Toronto suburb.

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Secrets are not preserved well in alcohol.